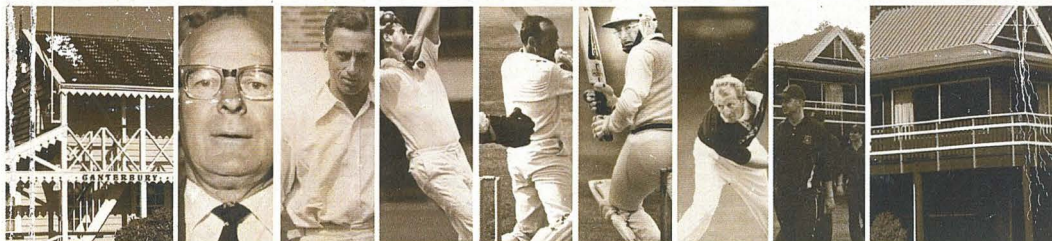




# Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club



## From Hagley to Burnside 100 Years of Cricket 1905 to 2005

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## Preface

At the conclusion of the 2004 AGM there was brief discussion of the events that were being organised to celebrate the club's centenary in March 2005. When I heard that there was no intention to produce a history of the club I volunteered to edit a book based on the history that I had written in 1980 for the 75th jubilee.

Bryce McKenzie, Tony Feeley and Stephen Jeffery readily agreed to contribute, Derek Cockburn updated his 75th jubilee account of schoolboy cricket and Peter Sharp and Don Williamson's memories have been reprinted. Conversations with many past and present club members, particularly Ray Burgess and Paul O'Grady, enabled a very broad picture to evolve of the club's history over the past 25 years. Ashley Taggart delved into the history of the University cricket club and that was most appreciated. Geoff Longley and Nick Tolerton of the Press and Christchurch Star generously allowed me to access their photographic files and along with the photos taken over a period of time by Arthur Grayburn and Paul O'Grady a large number of photos were able to be selected for inclusion in the book.

However it was disappointing to find that minutes of most committee meetings since 1980 had been lost. Rather prophetically I had written in the 1980 preface that I hoped future club officials would be more aware of the importance of club documents and make a conscious effort to keep them in a safe place. Sadly it seems that was a forlorn wish. I trust the next historian has more information on hand to enable an accurate account of those years.

Leading into the 2004-05 season there is no doubt that the club's future as a leading CCA club is at the cross roads. As one reads through the book there is clear evidence of the club's place not only in the history of Canterbury cricket but also in New Zealand. Some 13 players have played for New Zealand and 54 for Canterbury.

My thanks to John Thompson, Paul O'Grady and Brian Hastings for taking time to read the draft and offer suggestions. There will inevitably be some errors and omissions and on occasions I may have not given sufficient recognition to the administrative work or playing success of some club members, for that I apologise.

Finally a heart felt appreciation to my wife Anita who, as in 1980, has again encouraged my writing this history and who has borne with good humour my occupation of the computer.

The March jubilee celebrations coinciding with the Test match against Australia will be a great occasion bringing together past and present club members. Let us all enjoy the occasion and truly embellish our memories of past matches.

Brian Adams December 2004

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## **Early Days**

Cricket clubs have been in existence in Christchurch from soon after the arrival of the first four ships in December 1850. The first anniversary of their arrival was celebrated in grand style, with one of the main attractions being a cricket match between the Christchurch Cricket Club and a "Working Mans" XI. 296 runs were scored in this match and an indication of the quality of the ground can be gauged from the 110 byes allowed through. But thereafter very little cricket was played until 1858 when the Avonside and Albion Clubs were formed. These clubs took part in the first recorded inter club match on February 17th and 18th 1859 when Avonside won by 59 runs.

The first real attempt to develop a cricket ground was in the early sixties when a site was cleared in South Park near the Riccarton Hotel at Nancy's corner. When the English team of 1864 arrived to play Canterbury they were astonished to find a pavilion and a fenced-in cricket ground. A year later Otago played Canterbury on the same ground, the first occasion in which these two provinces met in Christchurch. This ground, however, was not popular because of the distance from town, and in 1866 the pavilion and turf were moved to the present site on Hagley Oval.

When the move was made to Hagley Oval, the Provincial Council granted a lease for the ground only on the condition that the club "was to be open to all persons desirous of becoming members". A name change was made to the United Club and along with the Midland Club formed in 1870, these two clubs were to have an unbroken existence and be the basis of Canterbury cricket until the advent of district cricket in 1905.

The Canterbury Cricket Association was formed in April 1877 primarily because of a concern that the United Club had control of the oval and that other clubs wanting to use the ground had to pay rentals to it - such rentals being agreed on by negotiation. It was also felt that the Association should arrange all "foreign matches". Previously the United Club had been responsible for many of these inter provincial games.

Control of Hagley Park by the Canterbury Cricket Association only lasted until 1883. At that time with the formation of the Lancaster Park Cricket Club it was felt that control of the ground should revert to the clubs actually using it and this led to the beginning of the Hagley Park Grounds Committee.

## **District Cricket**

By 1883 cricket was the major sport in New Zealand and the main source of revenue at Lancaster Park. Club matches attracted many spectators and it was the usual practice for brass bands to play at these games. But in spite of much progress, the Canterbury Cricket Association was concerned at the standard of cricket and in 1902 subcommittees were set up to look into the concept of

District cricket in the hope that this would attract more players and result in an improvement in local standards. The Canterbury Cricket Association annual report of 1903-04 season states that "The question of establishing district cricket was gone into at some length but as no one was prepared to undertake the labour involved the matter was allowed to drop."

Eventually, in June 1905, a full conversion to district cricket was accepted by a meeting of club delegates. The motion being carried by 15 votes to 5, with only the Midland Club delegates voting against the scheme. It was thought "only reasonable to suppose that the 60,000 inhabitants of Christchurch should be able to find enough players for six districts."

The West Christchurch district was enclosed by Bealey Avenue, Manchester St, Moorhouse Avenue and the Western and Northern boundaries of Hagley Park. This area contained 35 players, 19 of whom were senior grade. Harry Whitta, a prominent Canterbury player was appointed convenor of the West Christchurch district and asked to call a meeting. Hagley Park was allocated to West Christchurch, Riccarton and St. Albans, but it was recommended that St. Albans should take immediate steps to secure another ground. The old United Club pavilion was in the meantime to be shared between St. Albans and West Christchurch, an arrangement, however, that was to continue until St Albans moved to their new pavilion in 1957. This marriage of convenience was to be a happy one although John Coffey writing in the St Albans 75th history book relates that the minutes of the St Albans club have the occasional mention "that afternoon teas are not up to scratch when it is West's turn to provide same." The old pavilion is now used by the Canterbury Umpires Association who have carried out a remarkable job in restoration.

It is interesting to record that the playing strengths of the other five districts were Linwood 46, Riccarton 46, Sydenham 45, St Albans 43 and East Christchurch 35, a total of 249 cricketers in a population of 60,000.

### **The Inauguration**

On August 31 1905 the first meeting of the West Christchurch Club was held in the Municipal Chambers building situated on the banks of the Avon at the corner of Worcester St and Oxford Terrace. This historic building was opened in 1887 and was the centre of local government until 1924 when it then became the home for the Chamber of Commerce. It now houses the offices of the Canterbury Promotions Council and contains many items of historical interest.

Canon Hare presided over the 25 members present and Harry Whitta moved the motion that the West Christchurch Cricket Club be formed. Also present was the Secretary of the Canterbury Cricket Association, Mr DH Thompson, who in outlining some of the problems encountered in the district scheme

mentioned that one of the older clubs had resolved to lock up some of its material. He was hopeful, however, that the officials would have a change of heart and put progress ahead of sentiment. The Canterbury Cricket Association had submitted rules that all clubs were to adopt and these were agreed to.

The colours of the club were registered as dark and light blue with crest. This crest was the rampant lion with the raised tail that is still part of the present club's emblem but the reason for the choice of a lion has been lost over the course of time.

The first subscriptions were set by the CCA and were as follows:

Under 16 years of age	12/6
16 and under 21	£1/5/0
21 and over	£1/15/0
Thursday player	£1/5/0

Country members residing over six miles from the club's ground, £1/5/0. Such amounts to be reduced by 10/-, 20/-, 30/-, 20/- and 20/-, respectively, if paid on or before December 1 of the season to which the payment referred. The subscription for honorary members was £1/1/0.

Once the rules had been agreed to, the meeting moved on to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

**Patron:** Canon Hare

**President:** Dr C Nedwill

**Vice-presidents:** Hon C Louisson and CM Gray

**Club captain:** FH Labatt

**Secretary:** C Louisson

**Treasurer:** J Mullin,

**Committee:** FS Frankish, EH Frankish, SF Wilson, HB Whitta, AS Bean, FD Cook, GL Vernon, WJ Ashby, AC Fuller.

**Selection committee:** FH Labatt and FS Frankish.

Opening day was set for September 30.

Canon Hare, the first Patron, was born in Germany and came to Christ's College as chaplain in 1877. He was later appointed headmaster and although resigning in 1892, he continued at Christ's College where he was a popular and well liked figure. A lover of cricket, he secured the first College coach, the Australian professional Charles Bannerman. He died in 1912 from injuries suffered in a fall from a first floor landing and a memorial library was erected in his honour.

The President, Dr Courtney Nedwill, was an Irishman who came to New Zealand as a ships surgeon in 1863. He was renowned for his vigour and outdoor pursuits, being an excellent shot and a frequent visitor to Lake Ellesmere. He took up tennis at the age of 50 and hill walking at 60. When he died in 1920 he was one of the cities oldest and most respected medical men,

having been a surgeon at the Christchurch hospital for over 30 years.

The two vice-presidents were both former mayors of the city and members of Parliament.

### Subscriptions

A comparison of 1905 subscriptions with those of the present day makes for interesting reading. The Department of Statistics records that a labourers weekly wage was 10-12/-, that a butcher earned 45-60/- and that tea was 1/4/lb, milk 4d quart and gin £2/gallon. Bicycles could be bought for £20, a man's jacket for 65/- and the Town Clerk salary was £600/year. On relative terms a 2004 subscription of \$180 is cheap and a figure of \$400 would be more realistic. In those early days subscriptions were expected to cover costs and it is only in recent years that other income sources are required to balance expenditure.

### 1905-1918 Early Success

September 30th was rained out but the club finally got under way on the 7th October when a match between the senior XI and the remainder of the club was played. Although the latter side played 26 men they only scored 68. The senior team commenced batting at 5 pm and were all out just before 6.30 for 54.

After rain caused the cancellation of play on October 14th, the first senior competition match was played on 21st October against Sydenham at Sydenham Park.

#### West Christchurch

First Innings		Second Innings	
Dudding c Fowke b Bennett	2	HB Whitta c Windsor b Patrick	39
EH Frankish c McClland		S Wilson c Robson b Egan	4
b McMurray	5	CFD Cook c Windsor b Patrick	23
S Wilson b Bennett	11	EH Frankish st Fowke b Patrick	5
JD Lawrence c Gray b McMurray	4	A Fuller b Bennett	1
HB Whitta b Patrick	52	JD Lawrence c Windsor	
		b McMurray	8
T Dakin b McMurray	0	T Dakin c Patterson b Robson	22
A Fuller b McMurray	0	HE Lawrence not out	16
Monteith b McMurray	0	Monteith b McMurray	0
HE Lawrence run out	4	T Malone not out	16
CFD Cook b McMurray	4		
Extras	2	Extras	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>149/8</b>

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Bennett	18	1	46	2
McMurray	16	4	31	6
Patrick	1.1	0	4	1

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Bennett	23	8	48	1
McMurray	20	8	34	2
Patrick	10	1	23	3
Egan	2	0	17	1
Ross	5	2	16	1

### Sydenham

#### First Innings

W Patrick c Lawrence b Frankish	2
W Robson run out	13
J Gray c and b Frankish	10
P Egan c ---- b Lawrence	10
JH Bennett c Dakin b Dudding	8
J Patterson c Fuller b Lawrence	0
E Jacobs c ---- b Dudding	4
JN Fowke b Dudding	7
S McMurray b Dudding	4
H McClland b Dudding	0
Windsor not out	0
Extras	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

#### Second Innings

W Robson c Whitta b Frankish	10
W Patrick lbw Malone	10
J Gray b Malone	0
P Egan c Whitta b Frankish	5
JH Bennett b Malone	14
Windsor b Frankish	5
E Jacobs run out	1
Patterson b Frankish	6
JN Fowke not out	30
S McMurray b Malone	1
H McClland not out	17
Extras	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Malone				
Frankish				2
Lawrence				2
Dudding	7.4		22	5

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Malone	20	4	43	4
Frankish	16	1	31	4
Lawrence	4	0	13	0

The Press report of the game says the wicket was greatly in favour of the bowlers. Dudding disappeared in the second over and three were soon down for 19. At 25 West lost Lawrence, Dakin and Fuller and the seventh wicket of Monteith fell at 27.

However Whitta batted with confidence and added 22 for the eight wicket and with Cook added 32 for the ninth wicket before being last out for 52. Sydenham started better and their second wicket fell at 25. However the later batsmen could do little against the bowling of Dudding and the venture was brought to a close for 60.

Rain cancelled play on October 28th and November 11th and no cricket was played on November 4th because it was New Zealand Cup day. When

the match continued on November 18th West declared at 149/8 with Whitta 39 and Cook 23 adding 72 for the second wicket. The declaration left Sydenham with 174 to win the match. The openers put on 20 but wickets fell quickly and when McClelland joined Fowke the score was 58 for 8 but the pair played out time and Sydenham were 99/8 at the close. The points system in use at this time was 2 points for a 1st innings win and 3 for an outright.

Four grades of cricket were organized in this first year of district competition and West entered five teams. In the fourth grade game on October 21st Munro took 7/1 when Riccarton were all out for 9. This team won its grade and although Munro never quite achieved the same fame again, he still managed 28 wickets at 7.3 for the season. However C S. Young, the captain and R W. Thompson had outstanding figures of 67 wickets at 3.8 and 57 at 6.4 respectively. The first grade side captained by Johnny Lawrence also won its grade, the outstanding players being Arthur Sims who headed the club aggregates with 592 runs average 74 and Tom Malone, the off spinner, who took 49 wickets at 15.08.

Five club members played for Canterbury, Sims, Dakin, Malone, Lawrence and Whitta while Malone played for New Zealand against the touring Melbourne Cricket Club team, the only test being a drawn match played at Christchurch. This match was never considered Test Match status and Tom Malone was never to play for New Zealand again.

Dick Brittenden recalls that he was a small, perky man who invariably wore his hat at an impudent angle and in the first five seasons he was the leading wicket taker in club cricket. He returned in 1915 for one game when the war years had sadly depleted playing numbers.

Arthur Sims only played the 1905-06 season for West, thereafter for East. He is a noted figure in the history of New Zealand cricket holding the World eighth wicket partnership with Victor Trumper of 433 scored against Canterbury in 1914. He was later to be President of the New Zealand Cricket Council and serve on the Imperial Cricket Council. He was knighted in 1950 for services to trade and medicine and died in England in April 1969.

Harry Whitta played three seasons and then moved to the Riccarton Club. In all he played 17 games for Canterbury between 1903 and 1920 and had one match for New Zealand in 1914. He later made a name for himself as a Canterbury and New Zealand selector picking NZ teams from 1929 to 1937.

Johnny Lawrence, the first senior captain, was a member of the first New Zealand team that played in 1893 against New South Wales at Lancaster Park. He later played against the MCC team in 1907. In all he played 27 matches for Canterbury between 1891 and 1907 and scored 962 runs at 21.5.

A.E. Dakin played two seasons and scored the first century. This was against Riccarton on 2nd December 1905. Replying to 395, West scored 330,

This highly successful first year was celebrated with a smoke concert held in the Edwards tea rooms on July 21st 1906. Dr Nedwell presided over a large attendance when several toasts and musical items were given. The Petersen Shield, the trophy for the champion senior club, was also presented. This trophy was donated by a local jewellery firm and in the following years has been won by the best all-round club. It was not won again by West until 1934.

The annual general meeting in 1906 was poorly attended considering the club now had 73 active and 22 honorary members. A profit of £17 was made during this first year. The next season, 1906-07, was also successful with both the first and second teams winning their grades. Harry Whitta was again the senior selector and Johnny Lawrence the first grade captain.

Harold Lusk headed the first team averages with 590 runs average 84 and included scores of 200\* and 161\*. The double century was scored in the first game of the season against St. Albans and he is reported to have said when he returned to the pavilion "that he had never played against such rubbish in all his life". He played 16 matches for Canterbury until 1919 and twice played for New Zealand in 1910 against an Australian XI. His highest first class score of 151 was made in a Plunket Shield challenge against Auckland and his confidence was such that when Canterbury required 280 runs to win he went out to bat saying "watch me bring the shield back to Christchurch". He was born in Sydney but came to New Zealand and attended Auckland University where he graduated MA, LLB. His first teaching position was at Christ's College where, except for two years at Rugby School in England, he stayed until 1920. He then moved to Kings College Auckland and was appointed headmaster from 1943-1947. A champion golfer, he won the New Zealand championship in 1910 and was later to be President of the New Zealand Golf Association in 1958. Teacher, writer, nature lover, golfer, cricketer, Harold Lusk had an immense influence on generations of teachers and pupils. He died in Auckland in 1961 at the age of 84.

Dan Reese joined the club on his return from overseas in February 1907 and had instant success with bat and ball. Over the next 15 years he was to compile an impressive club record - 4575 runs average 34.3 and 424 wickets average 16.2. In his first class career, which included 42 matches for Canterbury and 12 for New Zealand, Dan Reese scored more than 3000 runs and took more than 200 wickets. He was regarded as one of the best all-rounders and captains New Zealand has produced. A slow left hand bowler, left hand bat and splendid field, he led Canterbury and New Zealand teams with outstanding success. He went to England in 1903 and spent 3 years as a marine engineer on coastal ships. While there he played for Essex and took part in matches under the captaincy of WG Grace. On his return to New Zealand in 1907, he immediately became associated with the administration of the West Cricket Club, CCA,

NZCC and Lancaster Park Board of Control. As an administrator he was one of the best and mainly through his effort, finance was arranged for the 1927 and 1931 New Zealand tours to England. He believed in youth and always insisted on having young men in their early twenties helping with administration. He was a prominent business man and worked with his brother TW Reese, a noted cricket historian, in the firm of Reese Brothers.

Other leading players in the senior side of 1906-07 were CP Cook 421 runs average 42 and JD Lawrence 324 runs average 36. Tom Malone was again the top bowler with 55 wickets at 15.

In the winning 2nd grade side the leading players were Arthur Thomas and Jack Peake. Thomas later joined the Linwood Club and became a prominent representative player but he probably gained greater fame as a coach to Canterbury sides in the 1930's. Peake was secretary of NZCC for many years and his son Jack was to be involved with the club as player and secretary from 1929.

Lawrence, Reese, Whitta, Malone and Lusk played for Canterbury while Lawrence and Reese represented New Zealand against the touring MCC team.

The district cricket scheme had now been in existence for two years but it was not favoured by the old United and Midland Clubs who wanted it abolished. A poll was taken of active players and the vote was overwhelmingly in favour of district cricket, 262 to 40 against with the West Christchurch Club voting 36 to 11 in maintaining the scheme.

Another contentious issue during the year was whether competition cricket should be played on New Zealand Cup Day. An attempt had been made five years earlier to play cricket, but few people had turned up and the matches had been declared off before they became farcical. The major reason for the non attendance was that the cricketers were being employed on the tote.

At the annual meeting in 1907, Canon Hare was replaced as Patron by Hon. H.F.Wigram. The Canon was made a vice-president instead but no reasons are given for this change.

Sir Henry Wigram, a former Mayor and leading businessman, owned one of the first cars in Canterbury. He is probably best known for his interest in flying and when the Government showed no interest in the subject, he bought the land at Sockburn for an aerodrome site in 1916. Eventually the Government realizing the possibilities of aviation took over the aerodrome in 1923 and renamed it Wigram. He was knighted in 1926 and died in 1934 having been patron of the club for 27 years.

Other prominent committee members were G. T. Weston, founder of the legal firm Weston Ward Lancelles and S.F. Wilson better known in Rugby circles as President of both the Canterbury Rugby and New Zealand Rugby Unions.

The 1907-08 season was Dan Reese's greatest year. Not only was he club captain and 1st grade captain, but he had tremendous success as a cricketer. His batting aggregate of 572 average 44 was the best achieved in senior cricket and his 66 wickets was only four behind the leading wicket taker Joe Bennett of Sydenham

Lusk 514 runs, two centuries and Whitta 446 runs also had successful seasons. Malone, not as prolific as in past years, still took 35 wickets at an average 12. The club again won two grades, the first and third, and was sufficiently strong at that time to play the rest of the district in a match late in the season, the proceeds going to the coaching fund.

The annual report of 1908 showed the club's finances to be in need of urgent attention and although an increase of 10/- in all subscriptions was made at the annual meeting the situation was no better a year later. Members were asked to make a voluntary donation and £10 was raised in this manner. The Hagley Park ground rent of £45 took a major part of each year's income, usually one third, and despite all efforts there was still a bank overdraft of £12 in 1914.

Difficulty in filling teams was evident and in 1909 it was proposed that the 1st XI of West Christchurch High School (now Hagley Community College) be made honorary members of the club in the hope that this would encourage schoolboys and keep teams at full strength. During these early days terms were offered to one New Zealand player to act as a ground bowler for the club. The conditions were that he was expected to be at the ground at least two nights during the week throughout the whole season. His honorarium was agreed at £5/year. Another member, who apparently through his title, got on the committee in his first year with the club sent in various accounts including one for 5/6 for repairs to his bat. A committee man said "if he was fool enough to lend his bat he should pay for it himself". The account was not passed for payment and the minutes of the next meeting record his resignation from the club.

District boundaries were redrawn periodically by the CCA but the club was always struggling for players and from 1908 to 1921 no competitions were won in any grade. The best performance was that achieved by the second grade team which finished second in 1918-19. The 1913 annual report criticizes the lack of keenness to practice and the casual attitude adopted by many members in the matter of turning up at matches, an indifference which contributed to many defeats.

Around this period the lowest score ever recorded by the senior team of 19 was achieved against Sydenham at Sydenham Park on 17th December 1910. The previous Saturday West had made 125 and Sydenham were 51/4 at the close. They continued on to make 159 and it was in the 2nd innings that West, batting three men short, put together the 19 runs. N.J. Keane top scored with

six runs. The two bowlers used Joe Bennett and Harold Watson, who was later to play for West, had figures of 5. 2. 7. 3. and 4. 0. 11. 4. respectively.

In 1915 the impact of the First World War was obvious with a loss of revenue due to many members enlisting. This war had a most decisive affect on New Zealand's history, with over 100,000 men serving overseas, altogether nearly half the eligible population. The total casualties of 58,000, represented one in seventeen of the population. During the war there was a continuing debate whether competitions should continue or cease but it was soon realized that there was no lack of volunteers and that life should be lived as normally as possible. With so many players gone and practically no revenue, all clubs had a precarious existence. From the five teams initially entered in the Canterbury Cricket Association competitions, the club had fallen to two by 1918. It was an exception to see a team playing eleven men and this may account for the triple centuries scored at this time.

Harold Lusk scored 334 not out against St. Albans in the final match of the season in 1916. He opened the batting and at the end of the first day was 252 not out. He continued to bat in fine style and when he ran out of partners his score was 343, or according to the Press report 334 when the individual runs were added. Confusion still reigns but 334 has been generally accepted. The final team score of 535 is also the club's highest score in senior cricket. St. Albans had made 174/7 by the close.

Other prominent players over this period up to 1918 were H Chrystall, founder of the Old Collegians Club, AT Donnelly, AC Fuller, Dr PS Foster and HC Watson. The administration was held together by these men along with CJ Hammond, D Redpath, CA. McCoy, TA Murphy and A Dey, all who held positions for at least six years. Alec Dey was secretary treasurer during the war years and virtually ran the club single handed.

Dr Fitzgerald Westenra, another medical man and ex Christ's College old boy became president of the club in 1912. He was well known as an athlete while at school and set records in the long jump and 100 yards that stood for many years. He died suddenly in January 1917.

The next president, "Gus" Blanch was headmaster of Christ's College. He was educated in England but taught in Sydney and Melbourne before coming to Christ's College in 1915. He died from pneumonia in September 1920.

### **1919-1927 Roger Blunt and Club Revival**

The revival of the club over this period was undoubtedly due to the arrival of Roger Blunt but a stable administration and the abolition of district cricket were contributing factors.

Roger Blunt joined in January 1919 whilst two other representative cricketers, Rupert Worker and Chattel Hayes arrived in 1920. Along with the

old timers, Reese, Lusk and Foster, these three new players gave a much needed boost to the first grade team trying to rebuild after the war years. For seven years from the 1919-20 season the senior side was never lower than third, won the competition twice and on three occasions was second. Increase in playing numbers also reflected growth, as from the two teams entered in 1919 the club had grown to six teams by 1926.

Roger Blunt's club record is the equal of Dan Reese, 5178 runs average 56.9, 207 wickets average 2004. He scored 16 centuries and headed the club aggregates every year he played. His greatest feat was scoring 1071 runs ave 97.3 in the 1924-25 season, while his best year with the ball was in 1920-21 when he took 39 wickets. He is remembered as a slim, graceful batsman who never seemed to exert himself even while scoring at a brisk pace, and for his ability to bowl leg breaks, an ability which had first secured his place in the Christ's College first XI as the age of 14. In club cricket, he set a record by hitting seven sixes into the Hagley Park trees in the course of an eight ball over from E.R Caygill in the 1923-24 season. He went on to score 266 in the amazingly quick time of two and three quarter hours. Playing for Canterbury in 1923, he shared an opening stand of 208 with Rupert Worker against AC McLaren's MCC team, but the following season the club lost this brilliant player when he went to live in Dunedin. He was the outstanding allrounder in New Zealand's first English tour in 1927 and he was again a great success in 1931. He went to live in England in 1932, playing county cricket for a time for Northamptonshire. He died from cancer in 1966 at the age of 65.

Rupert Worker in the four years from 1919 to 1923 also achieved a notable record, 1694 runs average 45.7 and two centuries. In 11 matches for Canterbury he scored 477 runs average 25.1. He was a school teacher who taught throughout New Zealand and became one of the first cricketers to play for all four provinces. He represented New Zealand in 1925, the same year he won the Redpath Cup. He was a very sound left hand bat scoring the bulk of his runs on the leg side. At the age of 85 years and living in Napier he attended the club's 75th jubilee celebrations. When he died in April 1989 at the age of 93 he was the oldest living NZ representative.

Chattel Hayes, the third representative player to join after the war, was one of the great characters of Canterbury cricket and played in the President grade until well into his seventies. He first played for Canterbury in 1909 and his last game was in 1929. Initially selected as a batsman, he later became a bowler and finally was played as a wicket-keeper. His senior career continued until 1935 and his record for West Christchurch includes 3530 runs average 24.3, 144 wickets average 17, and 75 dismissals as a wicket-keeper. He must rate as one of the most remarkable sportsmen Canterbury has produced. He was a good boxer, a fine rider and a highly rated rugby five eights. But it was

as a cricketer that he made his mark. After his retirement from the senior grade, he played as a wicket-keeper in the lower grades until 1966. His contribution to cricket was immense and for over 20 years he was the masseur to Canterbury cricket teams. He had a lively personality with a good natured sense of humour. At the age of 73 while keeping wickets, he received a knock on his chest. It hurt him but he kept on playing. A little later he was hit again and this time his colleagues persuaded him to report to the hospital. The doctor who examined him was naturally quite startled by having such a mature cricketer among his patients "What is your age?" the doctor said, Chattel Hayes regarded the question carefully. Perhaps he thought he might be advised to give up the game. He took mental guard. "Middle," he said. His love for the game and particularly the club was materially evident in the \$5000 bequest he left to the club when he died 1972 at the age of 82.

Other prominent players over this period were DB McLachlan, RO Talbot and JF Findlay.

D McLachlan a spin bowler, played two seasons 1920-22 and was the leading bowler with 66 wickets. His record for Canterbury is unusual in that he only played four matches over a period of eight years and yet his record of 28 wickets average 12.9 is very good. He bowled left arm at a brisk pace, but his service in the war affected his career.

Ron Talbot played for two years between 1922 and 1924 and then joined the Old Collegians Club. From there he was selected for the New Zealand tour to England in 1931. His first game for Canterbury was against Otago in 1922 and he celebrated the occasion by scoring a century. A strong cutter and driver of the ball, Ron Talbot earned a reputation as a dashing player inclined to be ineffective when orthodox.

Jim Findlay was another who played for Canterbury. His first season for West was in 1923 and thereafter he was a regular member until the 1936 season. His three matches for Canterbury were in 1926 and 1929. Air Commodore Findlay was the son of Sir John, the famous barrister and liberal politician, and he had a noted military career, serving in both wars, and later was officer in charge at Wigram. This was followed by ten years as the Air Attache at Washington before he retired in 1954 to live in London. He was a left hand slow bowler who often opened the bowling.

As mentioned previously the decision to abolish district cricket had been taken at a meeting of club delegates on May 1 1920. Earlier, the annual general meeting of the CCA in 1919 had seen some attempt to change the scheme as both West and East Christchurch were short of players and had now become open clubs. West were no longer in favour of the scheme as the encroachment of commercial businesses were a bar to it becoming a strong district club. After a CCA sub committee's proposal on boundary changes had been lost,

an amendment to completely eliminate all boundaries was passed by twelve votes to eight.

This decision ultimately led to the two closed clubs, Old Collegians and High School Old Boys, seeking affiliation in December 1924. West was very much opposed to the proposition. Secretary Alby Cameron expressed the club's concern that they may be forced to go out of business, and Vice-president David Parton, supported him saying that he did not know how affiliation was going to help the financial outlook regarding Hagley Park. Boys High School at that time used the park but were intending within the next season to move to their school grounds. The motion to grant affiliation was seconded by Roger Blunt, and was passed by 15 votes to 7. The 1927 season was the first year in which both closed clubs played in the senior competition and not surprisingly the senior team having lost some players finished seventh in the eight team competition.

On the death of Gus Blanch in 1920 George Helmore was elected president. Another Christ's College Old Boy, he was a lawyer and former All Black. However he died in England some seven months after his appointment.

GT Weston another lawyer and early club member took his place. He had played for Canterbury as a wicket-keeper and served on both the CCA and New Zealand Cricket Council. He was the only member of the original club to attend the 50th Jubilee celebrations in 1955.

A year later in 1922, David Redpath became president. Only an average senior cricketer he made his presence felt in administration. He was a strong advocate of imported coaches and took a great interest in the young cricketer. With his help and guidance the Boys Association was formed in 1918. It was said that he gave more time and money to cricket than any other man in New Zealand and was renowned for his entertainment of overseas teams. He was Chairman of the CCA from 1918-22 and President from 1923-24. The Redpath Cup for the outstanding batting performance in New Zealand was donated by him in 1920. As a mark of respect no club cricket was played on the day of his funeral in December 1924.

### **1928-1939 The Depression Years**

The next twelve years is noted for the affect the depression and resulting unemployment had on cricket clubs. After the war people's interest had widened with the advent of the motor car, and other sports such as tennis, cycling, and athletics had become more popular. Standards in play had declined and rebuilding had been a slow process. The depression came at a time when this process of rebuilding was reaching its peak, and with unemployment in New Zealand reaching 73,000 in September 1932 and never to fall below 50,000 until September 1936, it was again a period of financial uncertainty for cricket

clubs.

Jack Peake, secretary at the time, recalls that donations from vice-presidents at the beginning of the season paid for gear and ground rentals and this helped to keep the club going. Over these twelve years until the outbreak of war, the senior team languished near the bottom of the grade. The only highlight of this twelve year period was the winning of the first, third and fifth grade competitions and also the Petersen Shield in the 1933-34 season. Two other grades were won during this time, the seventh in 1936-37 and the ninth grade in 1938-39.

The Canterbury Cricket Association recognized the problems that the club was experiencing and appointed the English professional Jack Newman to the club for the 1927-28 season and again in the 1928-29 season. As would have been expected, he headed the bowling averages in both seasons; 28 at 17 and 35 at 11 and totaled 633 runs average 33. The club saw a method of salvaging its reputation by advocating a return to district cricket and accordingly at the Canterbury Cricket Association's annual general meeting in 1927 was able to get a subcommittee set up to inquire into the possibilities.

After much indecision, none of four schemes found favour, but in 1930 an alternative proposal put forward by Ernie Caygill from the Riccarton Club, was that there be a voluntary change over of a few players from the stronger clubs to the weaker ones. He made the point that West and St. Albans had become weak only since the Old Boys Club had been admitted and that West would have difficulty in putting in the field a team up to first grade standard. The comment was also made that its subscriptions would have to be reduced to a more democratic figure.

This scheme was accepted and in 1930 Percy Allen, Cliff Gibbs, and BJ Champness came from Riccarton, Reg Gregory from East and Mark Ward from Old Boys. In addition, the Riccarton third grade side came over virtually intact and they included Sam Luttrell and Ernie Caygill. This movement of players gave some strength not only to the playing side, but also to the administration as most were to serve on the club's committee.

A year previously in January 1929 Jack Kerr had come to Christchurch from Wanganui with one desire - to play cricket. This was the beginning of an association that has lasted over 75 years right up to the present time. In addition to scoring more runs than any other player, 8415, Jack has been treasurer, club captain, committee member, selector, coach, president and patron for the club. He served many years on the Canterbury Cricket Association and New Zealand Cricket Council and is a life member of both bodies. His career began at the age of thirteen with a Hawke Cup appearance and included 89 first class matches and nearly 5000 runs average 32. He toured England twice, in 1931 and 1937. His highest score of 196 against Wellington in 1932-33 and his

tremendous successes against the MCC team of 1935- 36 were outstanding feats. The Christchurch Press in 1963 wrote of him, "that with his high straight back lift and broad shoulders he was a commanding figure at the wicket. His aggressive attitude coupled with his wide range of strong clean strokes made him a heroic figure to spectators. His driving and hooking, but particularly his fierce square cutting, were magnificent. His senior career finished in 1956 and for some time after he continued playing in the Presidents grade. For many years he most generously donated to the club a cricket bat to be awarded for the best batting performance. He was made a life member in 1955.

Besides Jack Kerr and Jack Newman other players to represent Canterbury in this period were Ray Hope, Percy Allen, Dennis Smith and Murray Sharpe.

Ray Hope, later to be the Public Trustee, was an opening bowler who in two years took 65 wickets for the club. He was an ex Wellington player and toured with the New Zealand team to Australia in 1925.

Percy Allen, an opening bat and wicket-keeper, had already played for Canterbury when he made the change from Riccarton. In seven first class matches, he averaged 34.

Dennis Smith had previously played for Otago and is well remembered as the only New Zealander to have taken a wicket with his first ball in a Test Match. This feat occurred in Christchurch in the 1923-33 season when he bowled Englishman Eddie Paynter for 0. Few other players have achieved his feat in Test cricket.

Murray Sharpe was a right arm leg spinner who came from Gisborne in 1935 to study at Canterbury University. He played for Canterbury in the 1936/37 season. With the outbreak of war he joined the 22nd Infantry battalion but was captured in 1942 and not liberated until 1945. He rejoined the club after the war for one season before returning to Gisborne where he taught at the local High school. He played four matches for Canterbury and took six wickets.

There is no doubt that the 1933-34 senior team was one of the strongest in the club's history. Nine centuries were scored that year three by Kerr and Smith, two by Lester Spring and one by Percy Allen. 3344 runs were scored at the incredibly high team average of 44. Ray Hope with 43 wickets, "Ginga" Vincent with 25 and Jim Findlay with 10 were the leading bowlers. Seven Canterbury players were in that team, but one of the non representative players, Lester Spring, had the most success. In only ten innings he scored 493 runs average 70. He later moved to Tauranga where his interest in racing led him to owning Rising Fast, the champion racehorse.

In the 1937-38 season one day cricket for all grades was advocated by Ian Cromb. Despite opposition from St. Albans, West Christchurch and Riccarton, the scheme was adopted. However, it was not entirely popular and when a vote was taken a year later of 1st and 2nd grade players, the majority (130 to

42) were in favour of reinstating two day cricket. Only two 2nd grade players from West Christchurch voted for one day cricket.

Dan Reese's involvement with the club as an administrator ended when after seven years as president he was succeeded by Arthur Donnelly in 1932. In 1935 Endel Wanklyn became president and Donnelly the new patron, a partnership that was to continue for many years. Both these men were well known figures in the legal and business world throughout New Zealand.

Arthur Donnelly, after graduating LLB in 1913, went into practice with his father in the firm of Raymond Donnelly. At the age of 31 he was appointed crown solicitor and was later to take part in many important civil cases. In 1939 he was created CMG and knighted in 1949. He was a director of many companies, had racing and trotting interests, and served on the New Zealand Council for 27 years from 1913. Only an average 1st grade player, he continued to play for many years in the lower grades and captained the second team to a competition victory in 1924. He was a big man with a broad outlook and was a very popular figure throughout the country. He died after an operation in February 1954.

Endel Wanklyn was a close friend of Sir Arthur Donnelly and together they owned many racehorses. He was highly thought of as a conveyancing, trustee and commercial lawyer. His work on the New Zealand Cricket Council began in 1928 and concluded after twelve years as chairman in 1949. His many business interests included directorships of Ballantynes, New Zealand Breweries and Apex Ice Cream. He died in January 1954 only two weeks before Donnelly's death.

Two All Blacks were prominent members of the 1937-38 team, Claude Williams, elder brother of Jack Williams of the 1950 era, and Doug MacKay. Claude Williams made the 1938 tour of Australia and Doug MacKay had played against New South Wales in 1928.

Another member of 1937-38 team was Jack Rumbold who was later awarded a Rhodes scholarship in 1941.

### **1940-1946 The War Years and Amalgamation**

The Second World War again had a disruptive effect on life in New Zealand and although the mobilization in proportion to population was about the same as that of the First World War, the cost in lives and injuries was fortunately lower something like 36,000 casualties.

Cricket in Canterbury was not affected to the same extent as that during the First World War. Teams were entered from the various defence services and although there were problems with hours of play and obtaining leave their presence was able to ensure that a worthwhile competition was provided. The Plunket Shield programme was suspended for five years from 1939 and

similarly the CCA awarded no trophies from 1940 to 1945.

One day cricket was played from the 1940 season with hours of play being 1.30 to 6.30. Great difficulty was experienced in maintaining a senior standard, as cricketers were required to play for their service rather than for their own club. Accordingly amalgamation between clubs was allowed, this grouping being decided by the individual clubs and confirmed by the Canterbury Cricket Association. West joined with St. Albans in 1942-43, with Lancaster Park in 1943-44, and with West Old Boys in 1944-45. Four teams were entered in 1941-42 but the next season, the most difficult faced during the war, only one other team in addition to the senior side was entered. Eventually by the 1944-45 season with an improvement in the war situation, clubs found more players able to take the field again and in some grades they were able to play under their own colours.

West Christchurch by the 1945-46 season had regained sufficient strength to be able to enter five teams again and although no trophies were presented, competition points were kept. The senior competition was won in 1943-44 and the 2nd grade in 1942-43.

In spite of the difficulties there was some very good cricket played and a number of notable cricketers joined the club. In 1938 West Christchurch were fortunate to gain Martin Donnelly when he moved to Christchurch to live. He had already played for New Zealand, having been selected for the 1937 tour of England at the age of 20. Three years for the club produced many runs, all scored with grace and power. His best year was in 1940-41 when he scored 901 runs. After the war he played all his cricket in England, first for Oxford and then later for Warwickshire. He was one of Wisden's "Five Cricketers of the Year" in 1947 and in 1949 was a member of the N.Z. team to England scoring a record 206 in the Test match at Lords. His skill at Rugby gained him a cap for England. He lived in Sydney for much of his life and died there in October 1999.

Another excellent player over these war years was Dr Ken Uttley. He had already fashioned an outstanding record while at Otago University and in five years with the club he scored 2968 runs (9 centuries). An opening bat, his runs were always scored in a most positive manner and usually enabled the senior team to gain an early advantage.

Other prominent senior players were Dennis Ager, Malcolm Johnston and Jack Burton. Ager and Johnston were to play and help in the club's administration for many years but sadly Jack Burton was to be an early casualty of the war. He was from a strong cricketing background as his father had played for Australia against England in 1887 and 1888. Another familiar name to appear at this time is that of George Howden, secretary for much of the war period and later club captain. After the move to Burnside he became a regular at the Burnside

pavilion and in particular was of great help with the preparation of schoolboy wickets.

Sammy Luttrell replaced Wanklyn as President at the end of the war. He had been a successful player for Riccarton and joined West in 1930 to help the club over its difficulties. He played in the eighth grade team for seven years, a team that comprised mainly New Zealand Cricket Council members and ex-representative players. His administration in cricket included 23 years as secretary of the Canterbury Cricket Association followed by 23 years as secretary of the New Zealand Cricket Council.

### **1947-1957 Merger with University and West Old Boys**

One of the most recurring problems in the club's history had been the state of the Hagley pavilion and its constant need for repair. Although it was shared with the St. Albans Club it was in two separate portions and had no common changing area. Facilities were cramped and having been built in 1864 it was certainly due for replacement. There was continuing discussion between the clubs on whether a new combined pavilion should be built or whether the clubs should go their separate ways.

Despite periodic raffles conducted to pay for repairs there was no urgency for building a new pavilion until in 1955 the Christchurch City Council declared the building unsafe. A building fund had been started by West in 1953 but it was only when the 50th Jubilee was celebrated that the fund became substantial. A raffle at that time brought in £200 and donations £90, inclusive of £50 from Sir Arthur Sims. However the St. Albans Club decided to move out and in 1956 bought the pavilion of the defunct Addington Tennis club and had it moved to Hagley Park. In the 1956-57 season West were able to use the whole pavilion for the first time and the following season after the mergers £1,009 was spent on major renovations.

The 1946-47 season saw competition play begin in earnest again, but unfortunately with the wettest start to a season since 1918, no cricket was played until November 23rd. As a temporary measure the CCA introduced a 10.30 a.m. start and up to Christmas one day cricket was played. This morning cricket for the two top grades was so popular that it has continued to the present day. The senior team finished fourth with Jack Kerr 249 runs and Jim Patrick with 39 wickets producing the best results. Malcolm Johnston capped a successful year by taking 13 catches, the highest in the senior grade.

The next year the senior and second teams were second and first in their grades respectively, and the club was second in the Peterson Shield. Jack Booker, an opening bowler, took 46 wickets which was the highest recorded in senior cricket, and Peter Arnold 442 runs and Roy Cassidy 473 runs were the top batsmen.

But after these initial years the club's fortunes were to reach a low ebb. Annual reports lamented the poorly attended practices, the lack of competition for places in the senior team, the unreliable membership which often led to teams being one or two short, and the poor club and team spirit with which no club can hope to survive. The financial position remained quite sound with a bank balance going from £7 in September 1948 to £176 in 1951 to £83 in 1956. Each year subscriptions tended to balance the cost of materials and ground rent, and it was left to donations and afternoon tea profits to make up the difference between financial success and failure.

Subscriptions were always difficult to collect, and with a reluctance to increase them the committee decided to impose a 1/- shilling levy each Saturday. Initially this gave a boost to club funds, but after a time this scheme was dropped because of the difficulty in collection.

Over this period five grades were won, but four of these were by the team from the Taxes club which was affiliated to West. The members of this team were employed by the Inland Revenue Department, and until they disbanded in 1956 their record over nine years was quite outstanding. Mick Connolly, M.P. for Yaldhurst, Tommy Jackson, a Canterbury fullback for many years and Morrie Henshall, prominent in basketball administration were three of their regular players.

In spite of the disappointing team results there were some outstanding individual performances. In 1948-49 Peter Arnold headed the senior aggregates with 708 runs. He played four seasons from 1946, but then traveled to England to play county cricket for Northamptonshire. He returned for one season in 1953-54 when he played for Canterbury and scored 412 runs ave 68.7. He later became chairman of the Northampton cricket committee and always maintained a keen interest in Canterbury cricket.

Ray Emery was an accomplished all-rounder who in eight years from 1947 scored 3577 runs and with his off spinners took 147 wickets ave 22. He headed the senior aggregates three years in succession from 1949 and in 1951-52 scored a remarkable 220 not out against East Christchurch. In the same year he represented New Zealand against the West Indian team.

Jack Williams had meteoric rise from second grade in 1951-52 to represent Canterbury the next season. He was to serve on the committee for many years and give valuable advice at the time of the merger in 1972.

Wally Bridgeman was a right arm off spinner who played three seasons from 1953. He achieved some notable bowling feats and is the only senior bowler in the club to have taken nine wickets in an innings more than once.

Jimmy Patrick has one of the best records in the club's history. Even after 24 years and 189 senior games his enthusiasm for cricket had not diminished and he continued to play in the lower grade for many years. His best bowling

performance of 9/95 occurred in 1953-54 against Lancaster Park. At lunch he had taken 7/17. In the afternoon, although runs were scored off him, he persevered and took the 8th and 9th wickets. The last man was dropped off him by a fieldsman who suffered sufficiently at the time to warrant suppression of his name. Jimmy bowled leg spinners at almost medium pace, one of the most difficult yet rewarding cricketing arts. His best season was in 1948-49 when he took 49 wickets. He did his share of administration and his years of service were recognized when he was made a life member in 1962.

For many years George Gearry took a prominent part in the senior team and whether he was batting, bowling or fielding he was totally involved. His early coaching had been from Jack Kerr and Martin Donnelly when they coached a school boy's team prior to the war. After a period with the Suburban Association he returned to the West Club in 1948 and when he retired in 1962, he left on a high note having scored the winning runs in the last over of the day. His wife took a keen interest and scored for the senior team from 1954 when the previous scorer for many years G.E. Shackleton had to give up because of poor health.

One of the most ambitious ventures undertaken by the club was arranging for the emigration of Simpson Guillen in 1953. Lester Smith, club captain at the time, was mainly responsible for obtaining the necessary permit. It was somewhat fortunate that a business transfer took him to Wellington in October 1952 and he was able to put more pressure on a department that was proving difficult. Guillen was eventually granted a 6 months temporary permit which allowed him access to the country. His brilliant wicketkeeping and his keenness and tremendous enthusiasm soon made him a favourite with players and spectators. He had three years with West before transferring to the St. Albans Club in 1956.

At the AGM in 1953 the first life member was created when Lester Smith was accorded that honour. He had joined the club in 1938, and although only having moderate success as a player, he was a very active administrator. His efforts in fund raising and particularly with the emigration of Simpson Guillen were recognised by his life membership.

Two years later another six members were created life members. They were WS MacGibbon, TR Condliffe, EM Hay, JL Kerr, FP Hill and C Hayes.

WS MacGibbon was a very well know business man and public figure whose service on the City Council was to extend over 40 years. He was a generous benefactor of the club for many years and was to become patron of the club on the death of Sir Arthur Donnelly in 1954. In 1955 another fine donation was made by him and it was his wish that the money be used to promote additional keenness within the club. A trophy was purchased and was to be awarded to the player who had best served the club on and off the field.

Tommy Condliffe, President for three years from 1950, first joined in 1924. He was an off spinner who played at all levels within the club. His interest in cricket remained very strong and was still attending opening day in 1979. As befitting a brother of JB Condliffe, the famous economist he was the club's auditor for many years.

Ced Hay's involvement goes back to 1935 and after his retirement from senior cricket he continued to play in the 2nd grade until 1953. He was an active administrator and worked for the club, CCA and NZCC over many years.

Frank Hill joined in 1924 and had over 20 years on the committee. He was on the CCA for nine years from 1954 and was a popular manager of many Canterbury teams. In his one senior game he bowled three overs, but though Frank Hill was not a great cricketer, he was one of those club members who year after year was a regular in the lower grades.

In 1948 Mr VJ McKibbin donated \$400 to the club. Its investment was to be used to purchase a trophy to honour the memory of his son, WS McKibbin, who had been killed in the Ballantynes fire in November 1947. The trophy was to be awarded for the encouragement of bowling within the club, initially only to the senior players but from 1951 all club members were eligible for the award.

In 1953 the annual matches with the Midland Club in Wellington began when a team flew down on Easter Saturday to play a two day match. These return fixtures were highly successful and except for the odd cancellation caused by a lack of grounds or insufficient players they continued up until 1972.

On the 1st October 1955 the club celebrated 50 years of existence. During the day cricket matches for past and present members were played, and luncheon and afternoon teas were served in a large marquee erected at Hagley Oval. Many old members were present including Dr Stanley Foster, Dr Quentin Baxter and Mr G.T. Weston. At 6.30 p.m. over 50 people attended a buffet dinner held at the Takahe. Cyril Crawford and Ivan Baxter from the CCA and Dick Brittenden of the Press were guests of the club at this function.

One of the best lower grades performances ever achieved was that by Milton Tindall in 1948-49. Playing in the ninth grade he bowled 292 overs and took 93 wickets ave 6.2, a most remarkable effort. Interestingly enough the team only finished third in the grade.

In September 1957 the amalgamation with the West Old Boys Club and the Canterbury University Cricket Club took place. The basic reason for this merger was to give the other two clubs senior status and to give West Christchurch a feeding ground for the future. Old Boys of the West Christchurch school, now known as Hagley Community College had formed their club in September 1935. Teams were entered in the Suburban Association competition and in the

first year the Senior B grade was won. After promotion to Senior A and winning the grade in 1939-40 the club joined the CCA and entered two teams in 1940-41. By the 1945-46 season the club was playing in the 10 team senior grade along with Tech Old Boys and had increased the number of teams entered to four. The next season, 1946-47 saw West and Tech Old Boys bottom of the senior grade and the CCA autocratically decided at the AGM in July 1947 to immediately relegate these two teams to the second grade. However to give some hope to these clubs the CCA decided that in the future there would be automatic promotion and relegation between first and second grades providing no club could have two teams in the senior grade.

Over the next six years the West Old Boys club continued to enter four teams and was very competitive in the second grade. However it was not until the 1952-53 season that it finally won the grade, a victory that it was to repeat the following year. By this time automatic promotion and relegation had been abolished between the top two grades but aware of the pressure from West Old Boys the CCA decided that a match should be played between them and the bottom placed senior team East Christchurch to decide which club would have a team in the senior competition for the 1954-55 season. This was played in March 1954 and East won the match.

However the success of West OB obviously created some turmoil within the CCA over the problem of how to deal with junior clubs. A sub committee was formed to debate the situation and at a SGM in August 1954 they placed before the delegates a proposal to adopt district cricket. Not surprisingly considerable opposition was met, particularly from the closed clubs of HSOB and Old Collegians. The compromise solution was "to set up a grading committee of three people, the President, Chairman and Past President who would have absolute power to determine which teams shall compete in the senior grade". Even in hindsight some 50 years later it seems an amazing decision that is difficult to comprehend.

Over the next three seasons the club competed well and finished second on two occasions but finally with a number of players leaving to join other senior clubs they saw their only future as amalgamation with the West Christchurch club. The history of the University cricket club is contained in a later section.

### **1958-1972 The Foreign Legion and Move to Burnside**

The greatly enlarged club now known as West Christchurch University began its existence with much activity. The first general meeting of the new club was held on November 1st 1957 at the Students Union building in Hereford St. Fred Hobbs from the West Old Boys Club was elected the first club captain and the committee comprising two members from each of the three clubs was Messer's R Edgeley, J Hudson from West Christchurch; JT Young, CV

Walter from University and J Shanahan and CL Sugden from West Old Boys. Subscriptions were set at \$9.00, reducible to \$8.00 if paid by 1st December. Finances were sound with accumulated funds being \$480 as a result of \$112 from the West Old Boys Club and \$156 from the University Club.

The first senior match played by the new combined club was played at Elmwood Park against Old Collegians on October 12 1957.

### Old Collegians

First Innings		Second Innings	
DW Crowe run out	27	FJ Shaw run out	5
FJ Shaw c Le Compte b Low	0	DW Crowe b Haskell	9
MJ Moffat b Park	11	MJ Moffat c Giblin b Low	7
PC Sheppard c Gearry b Park	6	PC Sheppard b Low	7
AR MacGibbon c and b Park	23	AR MacGibbon b Park	3
GL Perry lbw Park	32	GL Perry c Giblin b Haskell	0
TD Gibson b Haskell	12	TD Gibson b Low	5
O Hutchinson b Park	9	O Hutchinson c Dowling b Low	0
J Thompson b Park	4	BA Carpenter b Haskell	1
B Carpenter not out	3	JHM Dawson not out	0
JHM Dawson b Park	0		
Extras	35	Extras	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
P Low	16	4	44	1	P Low	13	4	21	4
W Haskell	13	5	22	1	W Haskell	13.2	4	23	4
GN Gearry	9	1	17	0					
JB Park	25	13	35	7					
GK Austin	3	0	4	0					
D Moynihan	2	0	5	0					
N Marsh	1	1	0	0					

### West Christchurch

First Innings		Second Innings	
R O'Connor b MacGibbon	0	G Gearry b Dawson	12
N Marsh b Dawson	6	N Marsh b Dawson	0
GT Dowling c Crowe		GT Dowling c Perry	
b MacGibbon	10	b MacGibbon	9
J Le Compte b MacGibbon	3	J Le Compte b MacGibbon	36
GK Austin b MacGibbon	12	R O'Connor run out	14
GN Gearry c Moffatt b Carpenter	8	JB Park lbw MacGibbon	0
JB Park c Hutchinson		WJ Haskell b MacGibbon	18

b MacGibbon	2	D Moynihan not out	12
D Moynihan b MacGibbon	0	D Giblin not out	3
WJ Haskell b Dawson	22		
D Giblin not out	8		
P Low b Dawson	8		
Extras	7	Extras	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>124/8</b>

Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
JHM Dawson	12.4	3	29	3	JHM Dawson	17	3	36	2
AR MacGibbon	17	9	31	6	AR MacGibbon	20	5	44	5
TD Gibson	3	0	6	0	TD Gibson	3	0	11	0
BA Carpenter	5	0	13	1	BA Carpenter	3	0	12	0
					DW Crowe	5	2	5	0

The first day was noted for its slow batting the only urgency coming from Old Collegians batsmen MacGibbon and Perry who put on the third 50 in 43 minutes. Park bowled his off spinners well and extracted a little turn. There were 31 byes in the 35 extras. MacGibbon bowled virtually unchanged into the wind until 5.30pm and had all the West batsmen in trouble. At the close West were nine down and soon lost their last batsman the following Saturday. Then the sensations commenced. In all before lunch 12 wickets fell for 49 runs in 115 minutes. Captain Des Moynihan was content to use only two bowlers as West routed Old Colls for 47 runs in 101 minutes. Requiring 124 runs for victory was an uphill struggle until Le Compte and Haskell came together and put on 40 runs for the seventh wicket. The winning runs came just before 5pm.

Ten teams were entered in competitions, with the best results being achieved by the fourth grade who won their grade and the eighth grade side who were second. The club was second in the Petersen Shield 112 points behind Lancaster Park. Des Moynihan, who had gained Canterbury representative honours while playing second grade for West Old Boys captained the senior team. George Gearry 514 runs ave 40 and Peter Low 40 wickets ave 19 were the most successful senior cricketers.

During the winter the pavilion was completely renovated and the afternoon tea facilities incorporated within it. Previously a one room building situated on a site near the present HSOB pavilion had been used to provide afternoon tea for all Hagley Park cricketers.

In the second year nine teams were entered, and the ninth and senior teams by finishing second and third respectively had the best performances. Graham Dowling captained the first team and began his long first class career by playing for Canterbury. The Universities tournament was held in Auckland and was

won by Canterbury. Peter Morris, Tony Timpson and Graham Dowling toured Australia with the N.Z. Universities team. In the lower grades one of the most outstanding efforts was that by Jack Kerr and Bill Lamb who playing in the Presidents grade had a opening partnership of 228 against Technical.

The 1959-60 season was a year to be remembered. Eight teams were entered and four won their grade, these teams playing in the second, fourth, sixth and ninth grades. Canterbury again won the Universities tournament and Derek Cockburn began his long association with school boy cricket by looking after teams from the South Brighton and Spreydon schools. Graham Dowling gained his first New Zealand cap when he played against the Australians.

By the fourth year of amalgamation the financial position had deteriorated. Subscriptions had risen in three years from \$8 to \$11, but the club still continued to lose money. The ground rent at Hagley, now \$480, was considered to be a crippling factor and with the ever increasing cost of gear the committee decided to reintroduce a weekly playing levy. The situation became so difficult that in November 1961, Frank Hill and Fred Hobbs each made loans of \$200 in order that the club might pay some outstanding accounts. The 1960-61 2B captain in a brief but forthright report said "the side was out of its grade. Ineptly led for most of the summer, the side never overcame this obstacle and coupled with some elderly bowling, tired fielding and batting based on theory rather than runs, the side was easy prey to other teams..... The season was not a total loss as the side contained many spectators, many characters and much humour".

The 1961-62 senior captain Tony Timpson in a typical forthright comment was critical of the senior players for not giving more assistance to the administration of the club. He suggested that "if a proportion of time given to complaining about selection and administration was devoted towards helping these officials, a much more harmonious atmosphere would exist." The senior player of the year was undoubtedly Brian Hopkins who in his first season took 44 wickets ave 12.1, a performance that gained him a Cowens award for the best Canterbury bowler under 20.

Stewart Rae, the highly efficient club secretary, also had a fine season when he took 65 wickets ave 9.5 playing in the ninth grade. This team captained by Don Findlay and Bill Cherry was to win its grade for three successive years and to remain unbeaten over that period.

For the first time in several years the club did not have one competition winner in the 1962-63 season. The senior team, however, came closest to success with a well earned third placing. After a lean first year with West Christchurch Brian Hastings made amends by scoring 817 runs, four centuries, which was to better the Canterbury post-war club record. The bowling attack became balanced only towards the end of the season with the arrival of Peter Sharp

from Dunedin. The fielding, according to Tony Timpson, "was not a sight to capture the imagination and a high proportion of the players pondered their personal problems while contributing little of value to the movement on the field."

The annual meeting of 1962 made a change in the club's colours to dark blue, maroon and gold, a change that was made to reflect the composite nature of the club. This particular meeting is also remembered as the first occasion in which the club had before it a motion to close its membership and move to Ilam. With the University moving from the centre of Christchurch to the new campus, questions had been raised within the club how these better facilities could best be used. The high ground rent at Hagley stimulated discussion at the annual general meeting in August 1962 to the extent that a motion was passed "that this club feels that the transfer of the club's headquarters from Hagley Oval to Ilam appears in principle to be desirable." Jack Kerr volunteered to see Cyril Watson the groundsman at Ilam and help in the preparation of a wicket up to senior standard. Although the ground at Ilam had two match wickets and a pavilion the outfield was rough and uneven.

Eventually a deputation from the club consisting of Jack Kerr, Dave Lawson and Robert Kerr met the Vice Chancellor in February 1963. This meeting was followed by a submission being placed before the University Council on 11th April asking that the club be permitted to move its headquarters to Ilam. It was envisaged that West Christchurch would continue as an open club but it was expected that the University element, even then some 73% of active membership, would become more dominant. The high ground rent at Hagley of \$480, and the rising cost of material meant that a high subscription of \$13 had to be charged to remain solvent. The University Council in its reply on 29th May indicated that the proposal outlined would be acceptable only if the club was closed to non-students.

At the annual general meeting in 1963 at which 36 members attended, there was a strong feeling against closing the club. Facilities at Hagley were very good, and administration over the vacation in a closed club might prove very difficult. It was decided to leave any decisions to the next annual meeting. However no further moves towards Ilam were made until November 1966 when Ralph Byrne, a most active and enthusiastic club captain met the University Registrar.

Following a special general meeting in February 1967 when the principle of closed membership was accepted, the submission to the University Council was approved subject to the payment of a yearly ground rental of \$400. The annual meeting in August confirmed the decision by 14 votes to 9. However all was not well. One month later at another general meeting requested by GT Dowling, BF Hastings, PA Sharp, RK Allen and JF Thompson the decision was

rescinded. Voting was 64 votes to 5, so obviously the arguments put forward by the group were convincing. They were not opposed to the Ilam move but against the closing of the club. Their reasons were that one of the major sources of club strength over the past few years had been the gain of players from other centres e.g. Brian Hastings, Gary Bartlett, Peter Sharp, John Veitch and Neville Huxford. Increasing the dependence on University players would compound the problems of selection during examinations and vacations. There would also be difficulty with the continuity of administration, whilst the strong links with secondary schools and the potential membership from the school boy section could also be severely limited.

Having made the decision to stay at Hagley it was accepted and agreed that a new pavilion would have to be built. Even so no large scale attempts to increase the building fund were undertaken and by June 1969 the fund stood at only \$1,274. However, under the prompting of another great worker for the club Neville Huxford, over \$2,000 was raised in two years which allowed plans to be drawn up and let out to tender. Although finance was obtained from the Canterbury Savings Bank and the Christchurch City Council, it seemed to the committee at the time that a loan of \$8,000 was beyond the resources of the club.

With another crisis at hand and no solution in sight, Peter Low suggested at a committee meeting in June 1971 that Jack Kerr, Robert Kerr, Graham Dowling, Brian Hastings, Peter Sharp and Guy Elliott be invited to the next meeting in July. At this meeting a very frank and wide ranging discussion on the clubs future was held. A suggestion from Brian Hastings that a merger with the Burnside Club would allow West Christchurch to move into an area that had great potential was generally favoured by those present. A subcommittee of Brian Adams, John McRae, Graham Dowling and Brian Hastings was formed and they met with the Burnside Club two weeks later.

Although the concept had generated much enthusiasm within both committees little could be achieved for the 1971-72 season. Sub-committees were formed by both clubs and over the summer months some progress was made towards an agreement

But while negotiations were proceeding with the Burnside Club, Robert Kerr, Alan Alty and Neil Johnstone met with the Students Liaison committee on 24th May 1972 and discussed the possibility of moving to Ilam as an open club. As a result of all these meetings, a special general meeting was held on the 15th August 1972 at the Students Association building at Ilam. Two motions were placed before the members - one was that West should move its headquarters from Hagley and the second was whether a merger with the Burnside Club should proceed or whether the club should move to Ilam. 54 club members were present with another 31 proxies validated. The different

view points had already been circulated and these in summary were:

### **Ilam**

1. Only 60% of membership above the age of 16 would have to be present or past students of any N.Z. University.
2. Better playing and practice facilities.
3. Ground rental of \$500.
4. Locality would attract more players.
5. University cricket would be strengthened.

### **Burnside**

1. Locality. The size and vitality of the Rugby and Soccer clubs is proof of the areas potential.
2. Feeding ground from the local schools.
3. Ground rental is \$75 per prepared wicket.
4. Present pavilion is to be expanded.
5. Subscription would be \$12 compared to the present sum of \$23.
6. Club would be better able to control its own destiny.

At the end of three hours discussion a vote of 53 to 31 decided the club would establish its headquarters at Ilam. This vote however did not end the controversy. Two evenings later a meeting of 14 senior members decided to tender their resignation and join the Burnside Club. This group included all the senior team, except for Chris Kirk, and four past club captains. Over the next few days Jack Kerr sought to find a compromise solution that might avoid a split in the club.

At the annual general meeting on 30th August 1972 a motion moved by Chris Kirk and seconded by Tim McMahon was that the club establish its headquarters at Burnside. The 49 members present voted 29 to 20 in favour of the motion and thus rescinded the decision made 15 days ago. The meeting expressed the feeling that it should be made absolutely clear to Burnside that a West condition for the merger was that the new club would undertake to look after University cricket.

And so on the 13th September 1972 a reconvened annual meeting welcomed the Burnside Club members to its meeting. The rule changes previously agreed were made and following the election of officers the first committee meeting was set down for the next evening.

But having raced ahead of ourselves in following the moves leading to the Burnside merger, let us return to the 1963-64 season. This year is well remembered for the influence the captaincy of Harry Hopkins had on the second team. He took the side from last to third in only a few short weeks and was one of the few people in the club who was able to bring any discipline

into the cricket of the talented "Bush" Thompson. The fourth grade team, although able to win only one game, was fortunate according to captain Peter Low "to have for a time the inimitable talents of Ted Morris". "His valuable contributions, both with the bat and in the slips, left no doubt that he not only had a thorough grasp of the game in which he was playing, but also in those being played around him." Ted was a very popular club member, but sadly he was to die in 1969 at an early age.

During the 1964-65 season five club members played first class cricket, Dowling, Hastings, Sharp, Bartlett and Veitch, but unfortunately two popular members Brian Hopkins and Tony Timpson were lost when they were transferred out of Christchurch. University tournament was held at Ilam for the first time, on grounds and pitches that won universal praise. Canterbury finished second with John Mitchell, Marcus Wright and Mike Henderson winning selection in the N Z U team.

The following season the second grade side under the captaincy of Marty McEwan won their grade. As Martin was leaving Christchurch to take a position at Massey University the team members clubbed together and presented him with a trophy. He in turn gave it to the club and on the committee's recommendation it was to be awarded in the future to the best player under 23.

In 1966-67 Graham Dowling established a record aggregate of runs scored during a Plunket Shield series of 817. John Mitchell was awarded the prestigious N Z U blue. The pavilion was obviously beginning to decline as access to the balcony was limited because there were doubts about its safety. The top lower grade aggregate was achieved by John Thompson with 452 runs, but Peter Sharp with 334 runs was a surprising second place. Both these efforts were performed in the Presidents grade.

A year later both the first and second teams won their grades. The second team under the captaincy of Ralph Byrne and David Hopkins had individual performances well spread. Eight batsmen scored over 200 runs and six bowlers took over 20 wickets. Bill Cherry had a good all-round season with 503 runs and 63 wickets whilst in the sixth grade Peter Low and Clyde Sugden bowled well to take 26 wickets at 12 and 28 wickets at 7 respectively. The touring Australian Universities team played two matches at Ilam, one a Test, and won both matches convincingly. Graham Dowling scored a record 968 runs during the first class season and in addition his 239 against the Indians at Lancaster Park broke Bert Sutcliffe's previous record of 230.

Results slipped during the 1968-69 season with second placing being achieved by the first and fourth grade teams. Bill Turner and Leigh Brown had a remarkable day when playing in the fourth grade they turned a 5/37 situation against East into 6/270. Bill was "puffed out" 123 and Leigh 100 no.

In eighth grade John Sturge was involved in two high scoring partnerships, one with Maurice Newall of 160 and the other an opening partnership of 158 with Bill Cherry. University Tournament was again back at Ilam and Bill Garrod took advantage of the good wickets to total 302 runs, easily the highest aggregate. Mike Fisher, Chris Kirk and Bill were selected for the NZU team.

In the 1969-70 season two grades were won, 1st and 8th. Dowling and Hastings toured with the New Zealand team whilst David Trist flew to Pakistan to join the team there. The popular Married v Singles match continued with the wily Clyde Sugden restricting the scoring of the Singles to a meager 111 and a resulting loss by 15 runs. Terry Jarvis proved he was just as adept at hitting a golf ball and won the tournament held at Weedons. Robin Hickford continued to be the leading 4th grade batsman, this year scoring 458 runs at 38. John Thompson led the President's to their third successive second placing and as befits the captain was their leading player with 301 runs ave 33 and 50 wickets ave 8.7.

One of the most successful years ever was the 1970-71 season. The seniors won all three trophies, the seconds won their grade and no team was lower placed than fourth. The success of the 2nd team was not spread through the team as in 1965-66, but revolved around two batsmen, Ralph Byrne and Brian Adams who scored a third of the runs and three bowlers, Mike Phillips, Bruce Davis and John Ford who took 119 out of the 169 wickets that fell. Bill Cherry completed 10 years as captain of the 8th grade team, the top bowlers again being Graeme Ash and Jeff Walker. The 8th B team were all set to win their grade with an outright victory in the last game, but the opposition walked off the ground just as some rain fell prior to tea. Despite appeals to the CCA a draw was the final verdict.

The next year the President's team under the captaincy of Jack Williams finally won the grade. John Prout's bowling of 65 wickets at 10 and Ross Smith with 427 runs and Jack Williams 398 runs formed the mainstay of a side that set a new record by only using 16 players during the course of the year. But the highlight for many people was the batting of Mike Phillips in a second grade match. Although well recognised as a very talented left hand spin bowler it seemed that he was doomed forever to be a no 11 batsman. That is until this season. Captain Blair Cartwright records "that 2nd grade were chasing 310 made by Sydenham and found themselves 4 for 53 when Mike strode to the grease as the night watchman promoted to no 6. The following Saturday, after three stiff whiskies at Hasting's home Mike was still batting at lunch and 20 not out. He then took himself off to the Bush Inn for a liquid lunch. What was to follow was unbelievable. Shots that had never been seen at Ilam flowed from Mike's bat. He shared consecutive partnerships of 57, 67 and 57 and then was stranded high and dry on 97 not out and the team 21 runs short of victory.

No more popular success was ever celebrated”.

A make shift team traveled to Wellington to play Midland/St. Pats in two one day games, rather than the usual two day match. Club apathy and the clash with University Tournament finally terminated these previously popular home and away matches. In 9th grade Ron Smith completed 25 years of cricket with the club, a feat to be very proud of, whilst in the same team Graham Ash set a new club record by taking 110 wickets ave 8.

And so the club concluded 67 years at Hagley Oval, and with much excitement and anticipation moved out to Burnside Park. There was sadness at leaving Hagley for here was a ground that was one of the most picturesque cricket ovals in New Zealand, and was particularly popular with families as a place for picnic lunches. But nostalgia soon had to be put aside as the realities of the shift to Burnside became apparent.

### **1973-1980 The New Challenge**

The 1972-73 season, the first year for the new club, brought many problems, problems such as how to cater for such a large number of adult players and 300 school boys, how to get more wickets, how to design a pavilion.

Graham Dowling was the first President, Don Williamson club captain, Dave Hooper treasurer and Russ McLean secretary. In addition a large management committee of 12 members was set up. David Trist was in charge of grounds, Allan Kitto pavilion, Ray Laby gear, Tim McMahon practices, Chris Kirk University, Derek Cockburn schoolboys, Brian Hastings publicity, Brian Adams selector, Doug Youl fundraising, Barry Dunn social, Mike Shardlow man power and Alan Alty deputy club captain.

Money from both clubs was put into the building fund with Burnside contributing just over \$2,000 and West Christchurch \$3,500. The sale of the old 1864 pavilion on Hagley Oval to the Marist cricket club brought in the princely sum of \$75.

David Trist with much voluntary labour help put down the present practice block and the No2 and No4 blocks. The Council installed six pop up sprinklers to each pitch to enable a very even water coverage.

Allan Kitto headed the group in charge of designing a new pavilion. After much negotiation with the Waimairi Council the plans went to tender and were opened on May 11th 1973. Barry Quinn's price of \$47,611 was accepted and construction began on June 25th. On 24 November 1973 Mr DB Rich, Chairman of the Waimairi County Council opened the club rooms and in his address he expressed the Council's support for the club and future projects. Other speakers were the Member of Parliament for Wigram, Hon. M Connolly, Professor NC Phillips, Patron of the club, and club President Graham Dowling.

Fund raising schemes under the prompting of Doug Youl were excellent.

Housie at the Avonhead Tavern raised \$4,600, Oxford Hotel raffles \$1,700 and two other efforts brought in \$2,400. The Chattel Hayes estate realised \$5,500, and along with a Golden Kiwi grant of \$4,000 and a Waimairi Council grant of \$2,500 a mortgage of \$32,000 was left to be raised from the CSB and Waimairi Council.

The first match played by the senior team was played at the Ilam ground against HSOB October 14 1972. Brian Hastings won the toss and put Old Boys into bat. They made a slow beginning only hastened with the introduction of slow bowlers Sharp and Kirk. Both Old Boys openers Christensen and Mowat had a fair amount of luck with the number of dropped catches in double figures. Together they put on 119 before Christensen was out for 65. Bull made the declaration when Mowat reached his century and by the close of play Burnside West was 37 for 6. The following Saturday an obdurate Dowling helped by Dean Rackley enabled the team to reach 85. Cran Bull did not enforce the follow on, no doubt influenced by a pitch which encouraged the bowlers very little and the batsmen not a great deal more. A declaration of 286 in just under three hours gave Burnside few chances and two early wickets meant a lost cause. However there were refreshing innings from Hastings and Bhana as the team reached 181/6 by the close.

				Old Boys			
First Innings				Second Innings			
JH Christensen c Trist b Sherlock	65			JH Christensen run out			0
MJ Mowat not out	101			MJ Mowat c Byrne b Kirk			3
CJ Stevens c Bhana b Kirk	39			CJ Stevens lbw Sharp			35
BG Hadlee c Allen b Sharp	1			BG Hadlee c Allen b Sharp			6
CL Bull not out	29			CL Bull st Allen b Kirk			26
				JW Calder not out			19
				MJ Hadlee c and b Sharp			30
				VA Bishop not out			13
Extras	2			Extras			2
<b>Total</b>	<b>237/3</b>			<b>Total</b>			<b>134/6</b>

Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
DG Trist	13.7	2	30	1	GR Sherlock	6	0	20	0
GR Sherlock	12	2	31	1	CM Kirk	18	4	68	2
CM Kirk	29	5	83	1	PA Sharp	13	5	44	3
PA Sharp	25	4	65	1					
BK Bhana	5	0	26	0					

## Burnside West University

First Innings		Second Innings	
MH Calder c Henry b Taylor	9	MH Calder lbw D Hadlee	1
BK Bhana b D Hadlee	3	RK Allen c and b D Hadlee	13
BF Hastings b Taylor	11	BF Hastings not out	96
ARG Byrne lbw Taylor	11	BK Bhana b D Hadlee	57
GT Dowling st Henry b Calder	27	ARG Byrne c Stevens b Calder	4
RK Allen run out	0	D Rackley c Henry b D Hadlee	0
DG Trist c Calder b D Hadlee	2	CM Kirk c D Hadlee b Calder	2
D Rackley c Calder b D Hadlee	17	GT Dowling not out	0
GR Sherlock lbw D Hadlee	5		
CM Kirk c Henry b D Hadlee	0		
PA Sharp not out	0		
Extras	0	Extras	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>181/6</b>

Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
D Hadlee	14	3	38	5	D Hadlee	15	3	34	4
I Taylor	10	4	25	3	J Calder	11	2	56	2
J Calder	8.2	5	22	1	B Hadlee	8	2	33	0
					CJ Stevens	14	3	50	0

A Press footnote to this match carried the story of Peter Sharp and his three year old son Austin. Austin was apparently unhappy at Peter's departure to the batting crease. Rather absent-mindedly Peter said he would not be long. But Austin pursued him to the pitch and was gathered in by the team captain Brian Hastings who tried to comfort him by saying "Daddy won't be long". He wasn't. He faced two balls before the last wicket fell at the other end.

This first match reflected the team's performances in the first three matches but by seasons end the team fortunes had changed dramatically and it finished second to Lancaster Park. It also reached the final of the ANZ Knockout but was beaten by Riccarton in the final. Twelve teams were entered by the new club in the first year with four in the Suburban Association and eight in the CCA competition. Wins were secured in the CCA second C and third A grades as well winning the Petersen Shield.

By the 1977-78 season the club had increased in size to 18 teams and had entered 12 teams in CCA, two teams in the women's competition and four in the Suburban competition. In the first seven years of the merged clubs existence 16 trophies were won in the CCA competition and three in the Suburban Association. In addition there were three victories in the Petersen Shield and

one in the Melhuish Shield.

All these impressive results were in part due to the efforts of a most enthusiastic and hard working selector, Al Brown. Al likened the club to one big family and he spent many hours at practice nights ensuring that teams were full each Saturday and that players knew the reasons for their playing in a certain grade. Eventually he gave up playing in the President's grade and spent the afternoons visiting all teams and watching their results. In his final playing year in 1973-74 his floating spinners brought him a match figure of 7/76, the best achieved by the team that year. His association with the club dated back to before the War when he was a member of the senior team in 1937-38. Over 30 years work for the club was recognised at the AGM in 1977 when he was made a life member.

After match functions were always well attended at the pavilion, particularly so with the emergence of Peter Smith, M.C without equal. His humour and ready wit were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended the Saturday night functions and it was no surprise to watch Peter's later successful foray into local television.

Improvements continued to be made to the ground and in 1976 the whole park was relevelled at a cost to the club of \$2,500. In 1977 the schoolboy wickets were relayed and the No1 block and practice area extended. Development of the oval had been a long term commitment and by the end of the 1980 season it was a ground that the club could well be proud of.

Playing results had been impressive with John Mitchell the leading senior batsman always scoring his runs in exciting style. Colin Blackman led the seniors to their win in 1977-78, and it was a blow to the club when this quietly determined Australian was transferred to Wellington. "Pro" Wallace was great value to the younger players and with Canterbury under 20 players such as Justin Boyle, David Boyle and Chris O'Malley making their presence felt in the senior side the future looked good.

Tony Farrant played his first senior match in 1976 and two years later was to be joined by younger brother David. Both were to make significant contributions to the success of the senior team for over ten years. Tony with his accurate medium pace bowling and David's all round skills brought them much success and they were to represent Canterbury at first class and one day level. Tony finished in 1985 with 243 wickets and David scored almost 4,000 runs and took 154 wickets.

The first senior match played on the Burnside Oval took place on October 15 1977. The first day was washed out so a 40 over match was played on the second Saturday against St Albans. Result a loss by five wickets.

Burnside West		St Albans	
OC Blackman st Sampson		GB Smith b Cummins	0
b Harrison	72	RW Moore b Bateman	8
WJ Mitchell c Boock b McNally	6	GB Nicoll b Bhana	42
MH Toynbee lbw Harrison	4	HC Sampson c Bateman	
BF Hastings c Harrison b Boock	30	b Williams	33
B Bhana run out	12	M McK Burt c Collins b Williams	13
KI Collins c Boock b Francis	1	CR Attridge not out	25
JW Davies run out	4	NE Francis not out	36
SN Bateman run out	18		
JG Boyle not out	4		
GI Cummins lbw Francis	0		
MJ Williams not out	3		
Extras	8	Extras	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>163/9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>167/5</b>

Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
L Watson	10	3	14	0	G Cummins	10	1	28	1
R McNally	7	1	21	1	S Bateman	9	1	28	1
J Harrison	8	1	27	2	J Davies	4	0	29	0
S Boock	9	1	62	1	M Williams	10	2	49	2
N Francis	6	0	31	2	B Bhana	6	0	23	1

The Senior Suburban team found the 1972-73 season an uphill struggle and were demoted to the Senior B grade for the following season. Despite strenuous efforts by the club and regular team members such as Allan Westwood, Colin Hazeldine, Mike Shardlow, Dave Hooper, Merv Laby, Barry Dunn and Bob Rickard, they were never able to regain their senior status.

A most popular effort was achieved in 1980 by founding member Don Williamson who after 25 years of trying finally scored this first century. John Hamilton also had his moments too. Playing for the Suburban 3B team against the Samoans he was bowling the last over of the day with the last two batsmen at the crease. He sent down a ferocious ball that displaced two of the wickets. This would have given the team a win. He appealed as only John could appeal, but the umpire, after saying nothing for 30 seconds looked John straight in the eye and said, "No ball, boy".

All the lower grade teams thoroughly enjoyed their cricket although at times the perennial problems of player numbers were commented upon. The 1973-74 third grade side which had members who were to later make their mark in the financial and legal fields sorely tested the treasurer's patience. Their

account of the season "thanked the club for putting up with them, they might not have received a hell of a lot in subs, but it must have made a profit out of all the excess gear we returned". Next season Paul O'Grady was their erstwhile captain for the first half of the season before he left for England. He did not have a good playing year but perhaps his most significant achievement was to pay the subs for the team and recover them before leaving New Zealand.

Over this seven year period there were some outstanding individual performances. In the bowling department worthy of mention were

John Prout 75 at 10.8 in 1972-73	Derek Cockburn 62 at 10 in 1972-73
Graeme Ash 61 at 6.5 in 1973-74	Doug Youl 76 at 4.9 in 1973-74
Jeff Walker 83 at 9.2 in 1975-76	Jeff Walker 64 at 8 in 1976-77
Barry Dunn 79 at 7.2 in 1979-80	Dave Hooper 62 at 7 in 1979-80

In batting outstanding aggregates were achieved by:

Brian Hastings	547 runs at 49.6 in 1972-73
Ross Smith	647 runs at 40.4 in 1973-74
Barry Vryenhoek	826 runs at 51.0 in 1975-76
David Williams	500 runs at 55.5 in 1975-76
John Mitchell	640 runs at 37.6 in 1975-76
Steve Rayner	603 runs at 35.5 in 1975-76
John Edmondson	692 runs at 53.2 in 1976-77
John Edmondson	670 runs at 51.5 in 1979-80

Scorer Tony Feeley joined the club at the beginning of the 1979-80 season. This began an association that has lasted up till the present time, a total of 25 years. Tony had initially played some cricket for his works team but then decided that scoring was a better way to be involved in the sport. His careful and neat approach was quickly appreciated by the senior players and for a number of years he added value to the annual report by including a chapter on happenings which would highlight some of the year's achievements. He also did his share of administration as secretary of the club.

The only overseas tour by the club took place on the 27th December 1975 when a traveling party comprising Barrie Cummings (Captain) and Helen, Don and Barbara Williamson, Doug and Margaret Youl, Dave and Cherie Carroll, Robin and Lyn Dunn, John Thompson, Derek Cockburn, Steve Rayner, Al Boa, Warwick Beatson, Stu Alpe, Russ and June McLean and Alan Alty Player-Manager set out for Australia for 15 days of "Runs in the Sun" regaled in their flashy blue shirts. Two Hi-Ace vans were hired, one of which was considerably superior to the other. The first stop was Sydney at the Crest Hotel deep in the heart of Kings Cross.

The first opponents were Briars who had visited the Club 24 months before. They batted first and scored 180 odd, interrupted by a very pleasant time in their club house. Derek Cockburn took a bag of 5 wickets and totaled 21 for

the tour. BWU replied with 165 resulting in a narrow defeat, Al Boa was the star batsman.

The next stop was Newcastle 180 kilometres up the road which was a return match with the strong Mereweather team who had visited the club the year before. Their team included Graeme Corling a former Australian Test bowler. They scored over 300 and after a very slow start BWU replied with 186, Steve Rayner compiling a fine 100 not out. This was a great effort because the night before the team had been feted by the hosts to a longish lake cruise and free drinks.

After a very pleasant New Year's eve in a night club it was away in the Hi-Aces for a slow trip through the Blue Mountains to Lithgow, Bathurst and then to Orange some 240 kilometres inland and very hot and dry conditions. BWU won the cricket by bowling first against some moderate but friendly opposition. The flyful barbecue and beer were most pleasant and so was the New Zealand v Australia scrummaging over a tinny at 2.30 am- this we gained with several clean heels!

With sore heads the next morning the team moved on to Queanbeyan, Canberra to play the Australian National University and to further tertiary relations, only to be beaten by a strong team. After a pleasant stay it was back to the big smoke for the match against Petersham-Marrickville and Terry Coyle a tearaway bowler. They batted first and made 281 thanks to a burly blond surfie who timed to perfection a snick off Dave Carroll during the passing of a low flying 747. Ozzies don't walk so BWU were chasing plenty, so many in fact that opener Barrie Cummings reached the pitch only to realise that he was without his bat. There were many off the field highlights such as the visit to the Sydney Cricket Ground and of Reindeer and many others eating snails. Everyone had a wonderful time and all had fond memories of their fifteen days of "Runs in the Sun".

### **1980-1995 Senior One Day Success**

The 75th Jubilee celebrations were organized by a committee led by John Thompson. Others on the committee were Don Williamson, Mike Gibbon, Garth Cartwright, Peter Smith, Reg Hintz, Don Findlay, Brian Adams and Alan Alty. The functions were held over the November Show weekend 1980 with 126 attending the Friday night function held in the club rooms. There were 290 at the dinner at the Chateau Regency where guest speakers Wes Hall, Bert Sutcliffe and Jack Kerr kept everyone amused and enthralled.

Unfortunately wet weather on the Sunday ruined the proposed cricket matches but the barbecue was still held and an impromptu function carried on to a late hour. Spin offs from the jubilee were the recording of the club's history, the framing and hanging of many old photographs and with the help of Bob

Allen and Don Williamson the construction of an honours Board. Thanks to John Thompson's shrewd management a small profit was made and along with a particularly handsome donation from a former senior captain living in Auckland the money was placed in a special fund with the recommendation that it be used for improvements to the pavilion.

Seven new club trophies were created following the Jubilee. Ralph Byrne a former club captain, who had returned to Auckland, gave 2 trophies to honour achievements amongst afternoon cricketers. Gerard Cross without doubt the clubs greatest supporter gave a trophy for the best senior fielder and Al Brown's immense work for the club for over 40 years was recognized when a trophy was created to recognize all round playing performance. The Jubilee award was to be given to the player taking the most wickets and Russ McLean, another ex club captain, secretary and housie caller par excellence and now living in Auckland gave a trophy for the highest score in a year. The JS Patrick trophy was to be awarded to the best spin bowler in the club. Jim as recorded earlier was a very effective leg spin bowler who had much success with the club and captained the senior team in 1947-48.

During this 15 year period a number of alterations were made to the pavilion. With money from the 75th jubilee the lino in the pavilion was renewed and a fire escape and emergency lighting installed. During the 1983-84 season the changing rooms were repainted and plans for a new tractor shed, a glassed-in viewing area and a new score box were approved by the Waimairi Council, the cost exceeding \$19,000. In 1993 alterations to the pavilion included extending the balcony and enlarging the windows. The interior was upgraded with extensions made to the kitchen and changing areas. During the 2003-04 season a new scoreboard was provided and prior to opening day in the 2004 centenary year there was a major repaint of the interior and the original carpet was replaced, thanks to a generous donation from an anonymous former member. All these improvements have maintained the club rooms are a very high standard and through the interest and hard work over many years by members such as Jack Haglund, George Howden, Ron Harwood, Bob Allen and John Thompson the clubrooms are rated highly throughout the Christchurch club area.

Improvement to the grounds have always been a high priority for the club and the tremendous work carried out in the early days by Vince Cusack and George Howden and more lately by Danny Timpson have been appreciated by club members for years. On many occasions team notes in the annual reports have concluded with a comment that wickets were first class and the players appreciated playing on them.

In 1980 the old motorised roller was sold to the Burnside High School at a price realistic to both parties and in its place a tractor and trailer were

purchased for \$900. In the same year the Temporary Employment Scheme (TEP) allowed the employment of two extra ground staff, namely Justin and David Boyle. Along with help from the Waimairi Council they extended and leveled the no 1 block.

No one spoke more highly of the grounds than John Thompson when he completed his term as club President in 1985. He had been associated with the club for 26 years and in his last message he spoke highly "of the standard of the Burnside wickets which enabled five senior cricketers to score over 500 runs during the season. He was also impressed by the alterations to the pavilion from which a great panoramic view of the park was now possible".

In 1986 the TEP scheme was dropped and this caused some heartbreak as the scheme had been of great assistance to the club as it had allowed the employment of extra staff to maintain the high standard of the pitches and grounds.

In 1989 a new irrigation system was installed and this did away with the tiresome task of shifting hoses several times a day. The cost was \$70,000 of which the Waimairi Council paid \$54,000 and the club and the Burndale Soccer Club split the remaining cost of \$16,000 equally. This made a major difference to the quality of the outfield and instead of the brown dry and desert like appearance of Burnside oval the new green playing fields were highly appreciated by the players.

In 1993 the Christchurch City Council commenced a major development of Burnside Park, trees were cut down and replaced by other species and a new drive through area was built which gave better access to the plant nursery area.

During the 1991-92 season Burnside Park became New Zealand's 50th first class venue when the CCA decided to give Lancaster Park more time to recover from the rugby season and allocated a Shell trophy match to the club. Recognition indeed of the high regard that the ground was held in by the Association. On December 6th 1991 Canterbury played Central Districts in a 3 day match and after a very close game Canterbury emerged the winners by 3 wickets. Set 189 to win Canterbury at 3 for 31 were not in great shape but a fine fourth wicket partnership of 106 by Blair Hartland and Rod Latham turned the tables and victory was achieved during a tense final afternoon's play.

Coaching was an area that was of concern to many of the committees over this period and the topic was raised frequently at many AGM. In 1981-82 Dayle Hadlee was appointed club coach and he spent two hours every Wednesday working with the senior team and many of the young players who were joining the club from the Burnside and St Thomas's schools. In 1988-89 Dave Dempsey, another former Canterbury cricketer was appointed coach and in his first season the results were very satisfying with the senior team winning the one

day competition and coming close to success in the two day competition. Later a number of English professionals were appointed, the first was Wayne Noon who played in the senior team with great success for 3 years. Then came Ian Blanchett, Richard Harvey, Aaron Laraman and more recently Darin Thomas from Glamorgan.

During this period team entries varied considerably from the high of 14 teams in the 1979-80 season comprising 9 in the CCA competition, 3 in the Suburban and 2 in the women's competition. However numbers had fallen by 1987-88 to 8 CCA and 1 Suburban team but were back up again by the 1994-95 season when the club entered 11 CCA teams and 1 women's team.

In 1981-82 subscriptions were set at \$60 reducible to \$50 if paid by the end of November. Frequent increases over the years saw them rise from \$100 in 1985-86, to \$155 in 1988-89 to \$180 reducible to \$160 in 1990-91, to \$210 reducible to \$190 by 1994-95. In 1984 it was commented that it costs approximately \$250 per member to run the club but members pay only \$100. Fundraising has to be an essential part of the club in order to balance the books.

Debate on the subscription was often the most contentious item at annual general meetings, none more so than at the 1980 meeting. The original motion of a subscription of \$50 reducible to \$45 had four amendments made to it, all of which were lost, the intent being to have a subscription of \$40 or less. The motion was then put to the meeting and was also lost. By this stage the atmosphere in the club rooms was becoming somewhat testy and so President Brian Adams adjourned the meeting to seek the advice of Vice President Don Williamson. Together they found a compromise between the two factions and put to the meeting a motion that the subscription would be \$50 reducible to \$40. This difference of opinion was quite common at this point in the history of the club with many of the players from the suburban teams preferring to keep subscriptions low and relying on fund raising projects to balance the books. They felt with the high subscriptions they could lose players to other suburban clubs. The alternative point of view, mainly from those playing in the CCA competitions, was to raise subscriptions to a level where any money raised from fund raising was to be used for capital expenditure. They believed that subscriptions should keep pace with other CCA clubs.

In 1982 housie at the Avonhead tavern was wound up. It had begun in 1974 and over the years it had contributed between 15% to 20% of income and was clearly a major source of income for the merged club. But with attendances dropping due to competition from other sites, the transfer to Auckland of Duncan Jack, who had been a tireless worker for the club organizing the housie evenings and difficulty in getting help from club members the committee was left with no alternative but to drop the scheme. The other important regular fund raising scheme was the selling of meat raffles at the Oxford hotel on a

Thursday night. This had been an early initiative by the Burnside club and one of the principal organizers had been Doug Youl. In 1976 the raffles were moved to the Carlton hotel where Ray Burgess and Alan Westwood helped organize them. Later they were moved to the Hotel Russley when it became a major sponsor of the club. These raffles were a great source of income bringing in up to \$120 every night, but eventually due to a lack of patrons and possibly a changing social environment the raffles finished in 1997.

During the 1984-85 season two special fund raising efforts were organized. Both were monotonous and time consuming but the wrapping and insertion inside the Sunday Miracle, soon to become defunct, and the Press raised approximately \$20 a playing member. Another small fund raising event that has a history going back some 40 years is the annual golf tournament. Initially played at Weedons, later at Rangiora it found a true home at Hororata where it became a very popular event. The "keen" golfers in the club decided that the best approach to have a good round on the Sunday was to stay Saturday night in Hororata where their late night socializing allowed them a more relaxed start to the golf. That was the theory, in practice not always an accurate outcome.

Another fund raising event that involved most club members was the organisation of pre season one day matches that Canterbury played against Wellington and Auckland. Playing the games at Burnside was a tribute to the quality of the facilities and with a good attendance the profit to the club would reach over \$2,000. The match against Wellington was played in November 1983 and against Auckland in December 1985.

Playing results over the period were very good and the senior side achieved many milestones. In the 14 seasons of the senior one day competition, the team won on eight occasions, were second on two occasions and third on another two. Its worst performance was a fifth placing in 1992/93.

At the AGM in September 1980 Don Findlay was made a life member. He had joined the club in 1948 and had been very involved with the administration from an early time. He spent many years playing in ninth grade and was captain when they won the grade over three successive years in the 1960's. Later when his lower grade playing days were over he did sterling work helping with house and spent much time in the Canterbury public library helping Brian Adams research the records for the 75th jubilee book. Along with his wife, Don particularly enjoyed watching cricket and was invariably at the Burnside pavilion every Saturday afternoon supporting the senior team.

Three seasons in a row from 1981-82 Kevin Collins with 33 dismissals equaled the Canterbury club record for a wicketkeeper. Sadly the 1981-82 season saw the club unable to field a team in the Suburban Senior B competition and it only entered two teams in the one day 40 over grades. Burnside had much to offer Suburban cricket and in spite of the efforts of CCA players such as Barry

Cummings, David Trist, Bobby Allen and Dave Saunders playing numbers and strength had slowly fallen away since the merger in 1972.

Graham Dowling was made a life member in 1981, an honour which was richly deserved. Graham joined the West Christchurch club from St Andrews College in 1955 and immediately made an impact with his batting. He played for Canterbury from 1958 till 1972 and captained the team on 43 occasions scoring over 3,600 runs in 58 matches. For NZ he played in 39 Tests. For BWU he played 123 matches and scored 5001 runs. After finishing his senior career in 1978 he still found time on occasions to play a game in the Presidents grade. But those facts tell little of the personal involvement he had with cricket administration for most of his life. He was treasurer of the West Christchurch club for 3 years in the 1960's, later served on the CCA and Board of NZ Cricket and from 1981 to 1995 was secretary and executive director of that organization. Graham took a substantial part in the merger talks with the Burnside club in 1972 and was a unanimous first choice to lead the club as President in its early days, a position he held for seven years. His attention to detail, a calm, relaxed approach defusing difficult situations and a "charmingly mild manner" as described by Mathew Appleby were attributes vital to the success of the newly merged club back in 1972.

• In the bowling department in 1982-83 Tony Farrant took 50 senior wickets, only headed by Gary MacDonald from Lancaster Park. Darryl King playing second grade had a great season scoring centuries in three successive innings. Dave Hooper, a very successful all rounder with the Suburban senior team over many years gave a cup to the club to be awarded to the player scoring the most runs in a season.

• At the 1982 AGM George Howden was elected a life member. He joined the club in 1937 and was secretary during the war years. He was club captain in 1954 and was involved with committee work for many years. In 1952 he scored a century while playing in the Presidents grade. When the club merged and moved to Burnside Park George took a great interest in school boy cricket and sponsored the watering system for their wickets. He was also convenor of the grounds committee and spent many hours transporting hoses from wicket to wicket. Another aspect of his work was helping to maintain the pavilion and make it presentable every Saturday. In seconding the nomination Eric White said "George was a great man behind the scenes and to many his efforts probably would go unnoticed. But without people like him clubs like ours could not survive". George also contributed in a most material manner when some pavilion improvements were required. In 1988 George presented a cup to the club and recommended that it be awarded to the best fielder in the 2nd grade team.

• After a lapse of 7 years the club in 1983-84 won the Petersen Shield by

a comfortable margin. The senior team won the one day competition, were second in the two day competition whilst the sixth and ninth grade teams were also successful. Peter Wallace's 20 year playing career in senior cricket came to an end. Peter played 238 senior innings, second only to Jim Patrick, scored 4,718 runs and took 161 catches the greatest by any member. These statistics bear testimony to Peter's love and enthusiasm for the game. He played 5 first class matches for Canterbury, the highlight being the 140 scored against Northern Districts in the 1973-74 season. His affectionate nickname of "pro" reflects the intensity he provided in every game he played and his never say die attitude was well appreciated by his team mates, less so by the opposition.

The cofounder of the Burnside cricket club, Don Williamson, was elected a life Member in 1983. Doug Youl in moving the motion spoke of Don coaching rugby for the Burnside rugby club and then along with many members from that group starting the Burnside cricket club. He was the initial secretary/treasurer, captain of the first team and the instigator of the first tour to Australia but in the end was unable to travel with the team. Don was very supportive of the merger with the West Christchurch club and was the first club captain of the new club. Without his belief in the concept and his drive and determination the merger would not have occurred so smoothly. He was a gently spoken man who was greatly respected by all who worked on committees with him. Don was a tireless worker for the club none more evident than in the tremendous work he carried out in supervising the building of the pavilion and the liaison work necessary with the Waimari Council.

Another great worker for the club, Derek Cockburn was elected a life member in 1984. Leaving St Andrew's College in 1954 he joined the West Christchurch club and played continuously for over 30 years, usually in the fifth grade side where his high floating spinners created much havoc. Batsmen's eyes would light up at the sight of the ball slowly coming towards them only to be caught unawares at the sudden drop in flight with a stumping or catch in the outfield the result. He was a left hand batsman very effective towards the end of an innings where his inventive slog sweep brought many runs. Derek's key interest was in schoolboy cricket and was the first convenor of the junior section of the merged club. He was a regular on Saturday mornings at both Ilam and Burnside Parks sorting out teams, gear and encouraging good sportsmanship, a massive task which was well appreciated by parents. He contributed to the school boy history on the club.

In the 1984-85 season the Petersen shield was shared with Marist. The seniors won the one day competition and the sixth grade team was again successful with regulars John Edmondson and Julien Van Dyk well to the fore with runs and wickets. Both were to make substantial contributions to the success of that team for over 20 years. A continuing complaint by some lower CCA team

captains was the high turnover of players and the frequent occasions when teams only had 9 or 10 players. Both Suburban teams had an excellent year. The Suburban 3C won their grade by 10 points and the 3D team only lost 4 games out of the 21 matches played. For the 3C team Tony Tizzard scored over 400 runs including 108 not out and the wickets were spread evenly between Mike Shardlow with 57, captain Robin Dunn with 34, Greg Beale 33 and Kevin Gussette 33. Ned Dawson playing for the 3D team had an outstanding year scoring over 400 runs and taking 40 wickets. Bill Cherry after a career with the club dating back almost 30 years put his gear away for the final time. Bill played most of his cricket in the fifth and sixth grades and with his left arm medium he took over 1,200 wickets, an outstanding record. He also gave great service to the club for a number of years in his role as selector.

Alan Alty was elected to the position of President at the AGM in 1985. Alan joined the West Christchurch club in 1969, served on the committee and had been club captain. Most of his cricket was played in the Presidents grade but in 1987-88 he dropped down to fifth grade to help some of the younger players. There according to captain Dean Kay "he still had the capacity to shock and surprise both with his acerbic wit and with ball in hand". Alan was a committed hard worker for the club and if he was not always seen he could always be heard offering advice. Alan finally retired from playing at the end of the 1991-92 season.

Prior to the 1985/86 season commencing the club was approached by the CCA to consider entering a second team in the senior competition. The Lancaster Park B team had not been competitive and the CCA was considering a number of alternatives to avoid the creation of a bye. The committee after much discussion "felt it was not in the best interest of the club and declined to enter a second team." An interesting reflection on how club strengths can vary over a period of time, particularly in this 2004 centennial year when the senior team has been relegated to a second tier grade. The senior team lost the one day competition on a count back to Lancaster Park by 0.0248 of a point. David Farrant, the captain was very disappointed with the fielding considering it "a disastrous season with catches dropped week after week and run outs a thing of the past. Scorer Tony Feeley came close to getting the fielding award". Kevin Collins retired his wicket keeping gloves. Over a period of 14 years Kevin created an outstanding record of 284 dismissals, 12 stumped and this is one record that can confidently predicted will never be exceeded. On 5 occasions he was the leading keeper in senior cricket but with the competition so intense he was to only play one first class match and 2 one day matches for Canterbury. Kevin also undertook his share of administration and was club captain for two years and captained the senior side. The winning Suburban 3C team from the previous year was promoted to 3B and finished fourth. Kevin

Gussette enjoyed "his first time experience as captain although on occasions he found his decisions were made by more than one captain, at last count he had eight". The 3C team also had a good year by finishing second with Ned Dawson, Ron Harwood and Eddie Schmidt contributing substantially to its success.

At the AGM in September 1986 Brian Adams was made a life member. Another St Andrew's College old boy Brian joined the club in 1958 and flitted between second grade and seniors most of the time until he slid gracefully to the President's team in 1976. His involvement in cricket administration began in 1968 when after his return to Christchurch after three years overseas he was persuaded by the retiring club captain, Neville Huxford to take on the position. Over a period of 36 years this involvement led to positions as President of BWU, Chairman and President of the CCA and nine years on the Board of NZC and the Lancaster Park Board of Control.

The 1986-87 season saw three players, David Boyle, Andrew Hintz and David Farrant representing Canterbury, Jon Preston was in the Canterbury B team and Andrew Sherwood and Lee Germon in the Canterbury U /20 side. Lee also captained the New Zealand U /18 and New Zealand Youth Team and deservedly gained an NZC cricket scholarship to Lords. Unfortunately Lee left the club after the 1988-89 season and joined Sydenham where he was to go on to great success with Canterbury and New Zealand. Grant Dickson and Andrew Sherwood were in the touring Kiwi side that traveled to Australia while Russell Haglund and Jon Preston were chosen as Emerging Players. Russell's club aggregate of 642 was just headed by David Boyle with 655. Russell did however score the only two centuries. Despite the large number of representative players the senior team had marginal success. Only one team was entered in the Suburban competition and that in the 3 B grade. In 2nd grade Chris Kennedy and Alistair Mayston shared a second wicket partnership of 225.

President Graeme Thompson in his 86-87 report "was concerned in the loss of older players from the club and committee. They are the backbone of the club and provide maturity and stability on and off the field as well as improving the standard of behavior in the club rooms by bringing their wives and children along after games". An interesting comment that could well be made in this centennial year.

The 1987-88 season brought mixed results for the senior team with a fourth placing in the trophy and a third in the cup. David Farrant and Russell Haglund both had good seasons scoring 834 and 753 runs respectively with Russell again scoring two centuries. On the bowling side Steve Bateman and Steve Hawker took 51 and 40 wickets. David Boyle, Lee Germon and Andrew Hintz played for Canterbury. A seasoned campaigner and former club captain Barry

Cummings had a good year with the bat scoring centuries in the third and fourth grades. Barry was later to chair the committee set up to organize the centennial celebrations. At the annual meeting a record number of 14 members put their names forward to work on the committee, all were accepted with gratitude.

In the 1988-89 season Jon Preston scored 704 runs and Steve Hawker took 41 wickets. They both gained Canterbury B selection. Sadly David Boyle after another fine season scoring almost 500 runs resigned to join the Marist club. The senior side played well to win the one day competition and was very close to taking the two day competition, captain Russell Haglund lamenting on the negative play by opposing teams. David Dempsey the new coach was well pleased with the results. John Oliver finished a two year term as President. John was one of the great watchers of cricket taking great delight on spending Saturday and Sunday strolling around the Burnside grounds and enjoying the entertainment, particularly that of his beloved Suburban 3B team over which he welded a benevolent managerial stick.

In the 1989-90 season the senior team again came close to winning both competitions, a failure to take some catches on the last afternoon against Lancaster Park saw the two day competition slip away from them. Stephen Jeffery had a great season with the bat scoring 750 runs and other good contributions came from Andrew Sherwood 634, David Farrant 579 and Jon Preston 501. In the bowling department Steve Bateman was top with 37 wickets closely followed by Andrew Hintz 35 and Steve Hawker 31. The Carlton raffles continued to bring in over \$2,000 each year and a new sponsorship arrangement with the Avonhead Tavern was gratefully acknowledged. Income was just over \$30,000 with subscriptions contributing a third of that total, but of some concern was that the sum was down \$3,000 from the previous year.

In his report on the 1990/91 season President Reg Hintz stated "that in all his 30 years with the Club the past one was the most successful for not only did the senior side win the Trust Bank Trophy but they also won the Trust Bank Cup and were second in the Hadlee Trophy. To back up this fine effort the second grade side won their competition." Stephen Jeffery, in his first season as captain had a magnificent year scoring 1,043 runs in both competitions and won the coveted CCA Player of the Year trophy. He was well supported by Wayne Noon, the professional cricketer from Northants who made 48 wicket keeping dismissals as well as scoring 449 runs. The senior side was again coached by Dave Dempsey whose motivation and constructive criticism proved to be a major factor in the team's success. The four bowlers taking over 40 wickets were Hamish Kember 40, Steve Hawker 42, Andrew Hintz 43 and Gerald Barrett with 55. Steve Bateman finished his senior career which had begun in 1977 by taking 24 wickets and this left him with a combined career

total in both competitions of 445 wickets. "The gentle giant" played 19 first class matches for Canterbury and to the club's benefit he continued on playing in the lower grades for some more years. In the 2nd Grade side Tony Hawker scored 490 runs, just heading off Chris Kennedy with 419 and new comer Alan Hickford just out of school scored 417 runs. Craig Kerr, later to have a career in sports radio and also coach the Riccarton senior team had a great season behind the stumps with 31 dismissals. Mark Hastings came down from seniors to make his mark in a game when he scored 187 not out, took 10 wickets in the match and then scored another 50 in the second innings. His individual score eclipsed the previous highest lower grade score of 185 not out by Brian Adams in the 1961-62 season. In the bowling department Darryl Philpott captured 72 wickets from a mammoth 354 overs, his best effort was 8/74 and 6 times he took more than 5 wickets in an innings.

During the 1991-92 season the International Golden Oldies Cricket Festival was held in Christchurch from 1-8 March 1992. 96 teams competed, many from all around the globe. A team was entered from the club comprising mainly members of the Presidents and Suburban teams. Games were played at Burnside Park during one of the four days of the tournament. In first grade Stephen Jeffery had another fine season with the bat scoring 625 runs heading off Mark Hastings with 585 runs. Hamish Kember took 52 wickets closely followed by Gerald Barrett with 49. Representative honours were gained by Hamish Kember while Gerald Barrett, Mark Hastings and Steve Hawker were selected in the Canterbury B and Emerging Players teams.

At the 1992 AGM two new life members were nominated, John Thompson and Reg Hintz. John joined the club in 1958 when he moved to Christchurch from Wellington. In those early years he was a prominent member of the 2nd grade side where his all round skills not only produced many wickets but his left hander's pull shot was put to very effective use and won many matches. From 1973 until recent times he was a regular member in the President's grade team and a strong advocate on the team returning to the club rooms after every game to socialize with other club members. He worked on the committee for many years, was President for two years and the club's delegate to the CCA from 1985 to 1996. As manager his realistic, but sympathetic no nonsense approach to life brought some needed discipline to the Canterbury under 20 and 18 players teams that traveled to National tournaments. Later he managed the Canterbury A team for a number of years. He was made a life member of the CCA in 2001. Seeing a need to once again help the club John returned to the committee in 2001 and has overseen the maintenance of the pavilion and grounds and taken a major role in raising large sums of money for the club through the applications to gaming trusts.

Reg Hintz joined the club in 1961 and played his entire cricket in the

Presidents grade. Twice he enjoyed the dubious distinction of captaining the team. Reg by his own admission was not a great cricketer with tremendous natural ability, but he loved the game and the comradeship. It is believed he perfected the art of taking a catch without getting a hand to the ball. Reg was one of those members who was always available, even on late notice, and was invariably well turned out. His son Andrew to his great delight was a very talented bowler and played 45 matches for Canterbury. Reg served the club in many positions, was an extremely capable treasurer and later President for 2 years. He served on the club's 75th jubilee committee.

The 1992-93 season had few playing highlights but the club noted with pleasure that Mark Hastings made his Canterbury debut and it became the 23rd occasion that a father and son had represented Canterbury. Mark was to play 27 one day and ten first class matches for Canterbury over a seven year period. By the centennial year Mark had created one of the best all round performances in the club's history. Stephen Jeffery 90 and Gerald Barrett 94 put on 187 for the 2nd wicket in 139 minutes against Riccarton seniors, the 4th highest partnership record in the club's history. Stephen stepped down as captain after 3 seasons with a very fine record. However he did throw down a challenge to the younger members of the senior team "to improve their attitude towards training, club and team activities and selectorial decisions". Gavin Wright playing in the third grade section 2 had a magnificent season scoring over 500 runs and taking 51 wickets, an all round achievement that could well be a club record. Sadly the fourth grade team reported they received only one lbw decision all year, rectified to some extent the following year by "negotiating" six decisions.

In a fitting end to the 1993-94 season, the club recaptured the Trust Bank Cup one day championship when the senior side defeated East Shirley at Burwood Park. East Shirley were dismissed for 108 off 48.4 overs but it took until the third ball of the last over before Simon Packman by striking the ball to the mid wicket boundary gave the club its seventh victory in the Cup competition. Steven Jeffery who had opened the innings was still there at the finish. He batted for almost 3 hours and faced 135 balls for his 39 runs. This was the highest score in a very low scoring final and he received the "Player of the Match" award. Wayne Noon was welcomed back to the club from Northants and had a superb season with the bat scoring two centuries.

Sadly this 1993-94 season saw the last entry by the club in the Suburban competition. A plaintive note concluded the 3A team report indicating that the numbers of players had been in decline in recent years and asked that anyone who was disinclined to practice and enjoyed the social aspects of cricket to consider playing for the team. Bryce Williamson wrote an outstanding account of the year, the best from any captain since the club's merger and the pity was

that there were not more of that quality. Names in particular like Kevin Gussette, Bill Swallow, Ray Burgess, Ron Harwood, Robin Dunn, Mike Shardlow, Alan Westwood and Eddie Schmidt had been to the forefront over many years in keeping alive the Suburban tradition but inevitably age and other interests led to the final withdrawal from the competition that had began back in 1958.

The senior team again had a win in the one day competition in the 1994-95 season, the special bonus being a trip to Auckland to take part in the national club competition. However conditions were not good at Cornwall Park, more inclined towards to rugby, but the team performed well only to lose to Grafton by 26 runs in the final. Andrew Sherwood was named batsman of the tournament with scores over 50 in two of his three innings. Stephen Jeffery and Stephen Hawker both retired from senior cricket at the end of the season and their skill and experience were to be sadly missed. Stephen Jeffery's 4225 runs and 71 catches placed him ninth on the all time list while Stephen Hawker's 231 Trophy and 97 Cup wickets are 11th and 4th respectively. Andrew Sherwood scored his first two centuries for the senior team on consecutive days in February. The third grade team lamented the use of 37 players and the lack of commitment and poor attitudes amongst many of the players wanting to play morning cricket. Team balance was another factor that affected performance with seven specialist batsmen and four openers causing a log jam at the top.

### **1995-2005 A Slow Decline**

The last 10 years of the club's history unfortunately record a slow decline in the senior team's performance to such an extent that in the 2004-05 season they are competing in the second tier two day competition. Administration was also of concern and there were some changes made to the club's constitution.

The 1995 AGM saw the first rule changes. They introduced a new category of family membership, created a category of Past president, a women's club captain, an addition of a High school representative to the committee, and the setting up of a junior committee. The 1995-96 annual report was very scarce on details with no report from the senior team and 7th grade team, although scorer Tony Feeley in his happenings column provided some interesting comments on the season's performances. He noted that it was the first occasion that the senior team had lost a one day final in nine matches. Steve Parker, the third grade captain, in a very hard hitting report again "lamented the attitude of players with this year a record turnover of 50". He said "some individuals could not be bothered while those who did soon lost interest and who could blame them". The Cavaliers team led by Chris Kennedy had many close games and for the first time won the grade. Chris dedicated the win "to the memory of a long serving Cavaliers player, the late Skip Marks whose deeds on and off the field were inspirational".

Only 18 members were present at the 1996 AGM, a source of concern as again there were not enough members present for a quorum. There was over \$1,000 in subscriptions still outstanding. Danny Timpson was appointed the new groundsman a position he was to retain up until the present time. President Ray Burgess raised his concern that the club rooms were not used anywhere near their potential with a large number of teams hardly availing themselves of the facilities. The annual report was again lacking detail on lower grade teams with nothing from 3rd grade and one of the seventh grade teams. After 15 seasons with the senior team Russell Haglund announced his retirement. Tony Feeley praised his contribution to the club with his hard hitting, often under rated off spin bowling and his safe catching usually at second slip. His all round achievements place him right up there with Dan Reese and Roger Blunt, two famous NZ cricketer of the 1920's. Skipper Hamish Kember had a great season with the highlight taking 15 wickets in the Trophy match against St Albans, only Peter Sharp with 16 wickets in 1968-69 has a better performance in the club's history.

During 1997 there was discussion on whether the club should change the manner of its administration to keep pace with a changing society. Led by Dennis Rea, Paul McGirr, Dave Biddick and Peter Burke a very comprehensive document outlining a new structure was produced and sent to a large number of current and past members. The suggestion was to better link the executive and sub committees. The executive committee would comprise 6 to 9 members with 4 being elected to the positions of chairperson, secretary, treasurer and players convenor. It was envisaged that the sub committees would cover marketing, facilities/property, players and social and fund raising. Those promoting the change were concerned with the slow payment of subscriptions by adult players, the small amount of money raised by sponsorship, the poor communication between players and administrators and the failure of club members to take better advantage of the facilities. The proposals were discussed at a meeting held in the club rooms on May 27 attended by 17 members. The 2 hour discussion indicated overall support and led to a special general meeting being held on June 29th.

Following this meeting a new constitution was formulated which was approved at a meeting on August 3 1997. This constitution was far removed from the original proposals but it did lead to some streamlining of the administration. The major change saw the removal of the President and club captain positions and these were replaced by a Chairperson and the appointment of a paid club manger. The executive committee was to comprise three members, the chairperson, secretary and treasurer and other members as recommended by the outgoing committee to the AGM. Dave Biddick was the first appointee to the club manager's position and besides the normal

secretarial duties he was expected to look after team selection, practices, hire of the pavilion, build a good relationship with Burnside High and encourage school leavers to join the club and oversee the preparation of the pitches. It was estimated that over a year he would work some 15 hours each week.

1997-98 season saw another poorly attended AGM with numbers present not able to reach a quorum. No audited financial report from the previous 2 years was available to be presented at the meeting. An interesting cash balance statement showed subscriptions from the junior players were just over \$16,000 while from senior players \$7,700 was received, an indication of the strength of the junior section of the club which had over 500 boys and girls registered.

In the annual report President Ray Burgess commented that amalgamation was still a possibility and they were talking to other CCA clubs. During this period St Albans, Old Collegians and Marist were all involved at some time in discussion but no agreement could ever be reached. Old Collegians came closest but their SGM turned down the proposal.

Seven teams were entered but being last in the Petersen shield with 4.11 points reflected a poor season. The senior team had a disappointing batting year in the trophy competition with only 2 fifties achieved and no one scored over 250 runs. Mark Hastings scored a very quick century in the Cup with his first 50 coming off 31 balls, the second off 42 balls while Matt Everest contributed 24 runs in their partnership of 134. During the year another experienced player in Andrew Sherwood retired. He played over 12 seasons and scored nearly 4000 runs. A good driver and puller of the ball Andrew played much of his best cricket when the team was in trouble. Two centuries and a 98 not out in 1998-99 when the captain declared are fond memories of a well liked player.

Although the 1998-99 annual meeting again failed to attract a quorum treasurer Paul McGirr was upbeat about the finances. Grants were obtained from the Hillary Commission, Westpac Trust and the CCA and with the profit from the annual golf match the cash balance had increased from \$710 to \$7,655. This allowed the club to pay back \$2,000 of the \$6,000 loan still owing to two club members. After many years of discussion the concept of turning the old nursery building into an indoor school did not proceed. Amalgamation talks with the St Albans club folded as no agreement could be obtained over a home base, they preferred to locate to the Ilam University grounds. Campbell Ogilvie had a very good all round season winning the Westpac Trust player of the Year by almost 200 points, the second occasion a player from the club had won the competition. Hamish Kember and Mat Everest who had both started in 1989-90 announced their retirement. Hamish's bowling was a major factor in the club's one day success, a career economy rate of 2.2 runs per over is a tribute to his skill over line and length. Mat spent some of his crickering time in Dunedin and later with East Shirley. His 41 cup dismissals of 34 ct and 7 st places him

second on the all time list. Hamish's 1st and 250th wickets were both stumped by Mat and both were against Sydenham. Three years later Hamish was to return and captain the senior team in an endeavour to raise standards. The 2nd grade team had a difficult year and had to be withdrawn for a period of time due to lack of numbers. The sixth and seventh grade teams managed to find sponsorship from DB and Lochinvars and through some careful planning and shrewd judgment had some money left over for the social side of cricket.

The 1999-00 year was a tough one for the senior team. Retirements, overseas holidays and job transfers meant that only one of the regular players from the 1998-99 season was available prior to Christmas. A number of new players were forced to step up to senior level and by the end of the season the team had become much more competitive. Treasurer Paul McGirr was reasonably happy with the financial position with a healthy balance in the account as at June 30 of \$4,385. By the 1998-99 season subscriptions were \$220 reducible to \$195 but at the AGM in August 1999 they were reduced to \$175, the minutes recording no debate and no reason for the reduction.

The 2000-01 year saw team entries increase by two with the 7th grade finally winning their competition, the first win by any afternoon team for five years. A loss of \$7,700 stretched club finances with subscriptions down by \$4,000 and an increase in expenditure on pavilion maintenance. The senior team had a mixed season but finished strongly with Mark Hastings leading the way. Graeme White, Scott Inglis, Aaron Phelps and Jonathan Rea also contributed to a team effort that gave hope for the future. Geoffrey Keast the captain of the 2nd team was "concerned that they had used a lot of players and believed no player should be selected unless he can make himself available for both days of a match. He praised the playing efforts of the brothers Mark and Paul Shackleton, Dean Roulston and Liam O'Toole and looked forward to an improved performance in the following year". The 3rd grade team retained many of the players from previous years and this no doubt contributed to a successful year by finishing second. The fielding was much improved and captain Tim Saunders attributed this to the extra practice with Dave Biddick on Wednesday nights.

Finances improved during the 2001-02 year thanks to many grants, donations and fundraising activities so that an operating cash surplus of \$6,400 was available to the club by the end of the financial year. 22 members attended the meeting and raised a number of concerns foremost of which was the possible promotion and relegation at senior team level and a lack of coaching.

After six years as President Ray Burgess stood down from the position and like many before him he decided to change to bowling the large black ball during the summer months. He was made a life member in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the club since joining in 1979. When Ray was

transferred to Christchurch from Dunedin his association with Don Williamson brought him to the club. He initially played for the Suburban senior B team, later for the fourth grade team and eventually found his way to the Presidents grade. His bowling and lower order batting were to be sorely missed when he retired, but just as important were Ray's 20 years contribution to the club's administration beginning in 1982 when he was first appointed to the committee. For many years Ray was in charge of fund raising and along with Alan Westwood and other suburban players organized the meat raffles at the Carlton and Russley hotels on Thursday nights. In 1987 he became club captain and held that position for seven years before becoming President in 1995.

Another long serving member Paul O'Grady was also nominated for life membership at the same 2001-02 AGM. Paul joined the club in 1972 and had 3 seasons in the fifth grade before heading overseas. He returned to the club for the 1979-80 season and since then for over 25 years he has been a regular performer in the lower grades. He became treasurer in 1983-84 and had seven years before being elected President in 1991-92, a position he held for four years. Paul was one of the principal organizers when the pre season Canterbury matches were held at Burnside and for many years he has worked on the CCA club advisory committee. His reporting of the annual accounts was always thorough and usually left no need for questions. Not afraid to mince words his report on the 1985-86 year is a classic. He believed that "the club would get by with a similar income to last year. If those dirt bags who give away free drinks when duty team, let their mates into one day matches free or do not pay for end of season functions get a bit of club spirit and act honestly we will remain in good heart. The problem is that the ones who complain about the committee.....are often the useless slack buns who are more of a liability than an asset to the club".

The senior team of 2001-02 was captained by Hamish Kember and he found a group of young and relatively inexperienced cricketers who nevertheless were keen and willing to learn. However apart from Graeme White no one had a great season and the team finished mid table in the trophy competition and last in the cup. The 2nd grade team improved from the previous year and continued to enlarge the player base. Their highlight was achieving 332 in 46 overs when chasing the mammoth total of 373 against St Albans on Hagley 6. After eight seasons as the also run the 6th grade team finally won their competition. They made a spectacular entrance at the CCA prize giving by arriving in limos and dressed to the hilt in tuxedos. The memorable night was finished off in great style at the Clocktower.

The 2002 annual meeting brought a number of major changes to the executive committee. Following an informal meeting of many past and present players it was decided to conduct a swot analysis facilitated by the CCA

executive director Richard Reid. Some new direction was clearly identified and to help the club 3 very experienced members Colin Blackman, John Thompson and Brian Hastings came back to serve on the committee.

John Thompson's involvement with the club has been mentioned earlier. Colin Blackman had joined the club in 1974 and had four years with the senior team culminating with his captaincy in the 1977-78 season when he led the team to a win in the senior competition. He was lost to the club for a number of years when he transferred to Wellington. On his return to Christchurch in 1991 he spent three years as Executive Director of the CCA before another move to Australia. When he returned to Christchurch the club was able to harness his background and vast experience in cricket to take on the position as President to help the club's restructuring.

Brian Hastings had been involved with the merger with the Burnside club from the earliest time and was deeply concerned with the club's decline. He had joined the West Christchurch club in 1961 when he moved from Wellington to take up a position with the Press newspaper. He soon made his mark with the club and in 20 years with the senior team scored over 7,000 runs and by the time of his retirement in 1982 he was second only to Jack Kerr in total runs produced. He continued on to play for many years in the Presidents grade. Brian played 72 matches for Canterbury scoring 3,540 runs including seven centuries. For NZ he scored 1,510 runs in 31 tests and made many overseas tours including participation in the first World Cup in 1975 in England. Later he was appointed an International match referee finishing in 2001 and was President of the CCA for four years from 1997. Although his playing background was extensive it was his demanding and meticulous approach to administration, the setting of high standards and refusal to accept mediocrity that were qualities sorely needed as this time in the club's history.

The appointment of these three experienced members soon saw some major changes and restructuring. 5 sub committees were set up with Ashley Taggart in charge of cricket, John Thompson sponsorship and fund raising, Brian Hastings grounds and pavilion, Paul O'Grady finance and Ross Brown junior cricket. Thanks to John Thompson's expertise and wide circle of friends, money from trusts and grants increased by \$22,000 and led to a surplus of \$20,300 for the year. Danny Timpson maintained his fine work on the grounds and the pitches and outfields continued at a high standard. He was helped by the purchase of a 26in reel mower and the Council who provided a roller. A 3 lane artificial practice block was installed and to the delight of all usage far exceeded expectations. To improve cricket standards an English professional Ian Blanchett was employed and Garfield Charles was signed on as coach. Garfield not only helped the senior team but also developed ties with the lower grades and Burnside High School. Unfortunately the senior team was

last in both grades but won the Hadlee trophy for sportsmanship. The 3rd grade Maroon team had another fine year led by Grant Summers who scored over 560 runs including 2 centuries. A partnership of 215 with captain Geoff Boorer was a magnificent achievement. However these performances paled against the efforts of Duncan Broadfoot who in the 5th grade team scored 955 runs including 3 centuries.

The annual report on the 2003-04 season was a major improvement on past years with full and considered accounts on the club's activities. The season produced another large financial surplus of \$16,800 with total income over \$100,000 for the first time. Donations of \$14,000 were made by 2 past members and grants of almost \$50,000 were obtained by John Thompson from various trusts. Team entries reached a new high for some years with 11 CCA teams entered and 2 women's teams. Although the club had one of its most successful years on the playing fields with wins in the 5th and 6th grades and second placing in the 2nd and 3rd grade, the senior team narrowly failed to make the top six and so avoid relegation to the second tier competition for the 2004-05 season. The Glamorgan professional Darren Thomas had a good season taking 18 wickets in 4 two day matches.

During the 2002-03 season the CCA had decided that a way to strengthen the senior competition would be to reduce the number of teams to six and playing performances over three years would be used to decide the criteria. The Burnside club was totally opposed to the concept and principally led by Brian Hastings, Colin Blackman, John Thompson and Paul O'Grady fought unsuccessfully over 18 months to try and persuade the CCA Board to reverse the decision. Motions to this effect at the CCA AGM in 2003 and 2004 were vigorously debated by Colin Blackman and Brian Hastings and although there was support from the Marist, Sydenham and Riccarton clubs the motion was lost at the 2003 meeting. After changes to the CCA constitution in April 2004 only clubs entered in the senior competition could vote on the motion at the 2004 AGM and with an amalgamation having occurred between HSOB and Old Collegians eight votes were to decide the issue. Although the motion was passed by four to three with the St Albans club abstaining the CCA board after further deliberation decided to stay with its earlier decision on a six team senior competition.

And so as the club enters its 100th year it has a major battle in front of it, not only to continue to improve the quality of its administration and place the club on a very sound financial base but also most importantly to win promotion back to the senior grade in the CCA competition. It will be a tough ask for a young senior team.

## University Cricket

The University of Canterbury was established in 1873 and a number of books have been published relating the history of the institution. Unfortunately the history of cricket at Canterbury University is complicated by the lack of many records. Unlike the clubs at Otago, Victoria and Auckland where they have had a long and continuing record in club cricket, the club at Canterbury only entered teams in the CCA competitions for one year in 1931-32 and then for eleven years from 1946 to 1957. For the rest of the period university cricketers were spread throughout the other CCA clubs.

George Griffiths in his history on the Otago University cricket club writes that "the arrival of the All England team in 1876-77 brought a resurgence of interest in cricket and the Otago students decided to form a club. They played 7 or 8 matches and with such enthusiasm in late 1877 they wrote to Professor Macmillan Brown at Canterbury requesting a match". Apart from the problems of vacations and transport the relationships between the two institutions were rather touchy at the time and perhaps the matches were suggested as a means of fostering more harmony. Although there were no sporting clubs at Canterbury the students were willing to play and soon had organized a club with officers, rules and colours. But in their reply to Otago they said they "possessed only 14 matriculated students, of whom some two or three were ladies and as some three or four others were incapacitated through age and other infirmities from actively pursuing the noble art of cricket, they would be unable to place an eleven in the field for the season; they hoped to be able to do so in the following year." But by next year Otago University cricket had fallen on hard times and they were unable to raise a team to play Canterbury.

Victoria College opened in 1899 and immediately created competition for students for both Otago and Canterbury. After 8 years they issued a challenge to Canterbury and first match ever played by the University was against Victoria College in 1907. Victoria gained a narrow victory. The next year the first game between Otago and Canterbury was played at Carisbrook on November 25-26 1908 with a victory to Otago. At this time no formal club or committee existed but teams were made up as they were required from players in other clubs. Up until 1914 seven games were played against Otago with two victories to Canterbury, four to Otago and one drawn.

The first inter-island game with six from Otago and five from Canterbury was played at Christchurch at Easter 1914. South Island made 278 and 218/1 declared with Sammy Luttrell scoring an unbeaten century. North Island replied with 279 and 125/3. Although a second inter-island game was played during Easter 1920 in Wellington (South won with Roger Blunt scoring 155) no regular contacts were made with Otago until March 1928. An invitation from Canterbury saw a team travel from Otago to play in a one innings match at



### **West Christchurch Cricket Club**

*First Committee 1905-06*

- Back Row: C Louisson Jr (Hon Secretary), WJ Ashby, H Whitta (Selector),  
EH Frankish, T Mullin (Hon Treasurer), A Fuller
- Front Row: SF Wilson, Dr Nedwill (President), FH Labatt (Club Captain), AS Bean,  
JES Dudding



### **West Christchurch Senior Champion Team 1905-06**

- Back Row: C Louisson (Hon Secretary), A Dakin, CFD Cook, SF Wilson,  
A Moore (Scorer)
- Middle Row: J Dudding, A Sims, EH Frankish, JD Lawrence (Captain), A Fuller,  
T Malone, JGL Vernon
- Front Row: HE Lawrence, HB Whitta



**West Christchurch Cricket Club First XI 1911-12**

- Back Row: AE Hooper (Umpire), P Dwyer, H Piercy, AT Donnelly,  
AC Fuller, TJ Malone, EM Boulton, A Moore (Scorer)
- Front Row: HM Crystall, FP Turner, D Reese (Captain), Dr Nedwell (President),  
HB Lusk, RJ Read



**West Christchurch Senior Champion Team 1921-22**

- Back Row: AR Taylor (Scorer), JF Patterson, DB McLachlan, DE Wanklyn,  
AT Donnelly, AG Cameron (Hon Secretary)
- Front Row: FS Grant, W Hayes, RC Blunt, PS Foster (Captain), RD Worker,  
PC Dwyer, WJ Sim



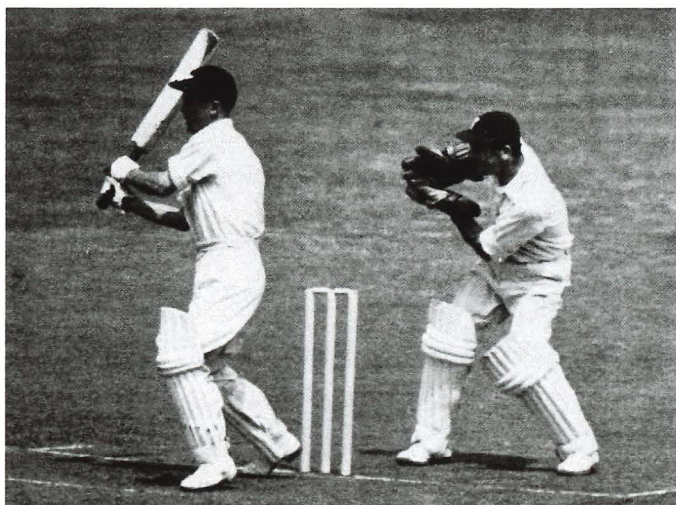
**Dan Reese**

Had a fine all round playing and administrative record from 1906 to 1932



**Roger Blunt**

In 11 years from 1915 he scored 5,178 runs and took 207 wickets.



**Martin Donnelly**

In 4 years he scored over 2,000 runs at an average of 50. In 1949 he became the first New Zealand cricketer to record a double century in a Test. Here batting at Lords, July 1947.



**West Christchurch Senior Team 1947-48**

- Back Row: W Burton, GJ Nee, P Arnold, JE Brazil  
 Middle Row: GE Shackelton, GN Gearry, GJ Wason, JF Booker, RJ Cassidy,  
 RWG Emery, LW Smith (Secretary)  
 Front Row: CD Satterthwaite, JL Kerr, JS Patrick (Captain), DT Ager (Vice Captain),  
 M Johnston  
 Inset: WS McKibbin



**West Christchurch Senior Team 1956-57**

- Back Row: GN Gearry, JB Park, JL Williams, A White, GK Austin, L Scott  
 Front Row: RM Stewart, B Sullivan, DS Giblin, D Sheppard, GT Dowling



**West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Winners 4<sup>th</sup> Grade A Competition 1957-58*

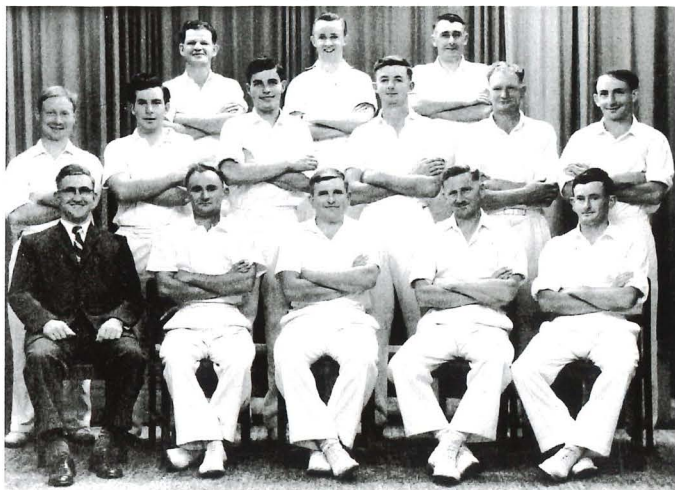
Back Row: W Cherry, J Lys, W Stapleton (Scorer), M Dann, B Perry  
 Front Row: R Smith, M Miller, D Findlay (Captain), W Taylor, B Walker  
 Inset: K Flint



**West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Winners 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade A Competition 1961-62*

Back Row: IJ Richardson, GJ Trist, JF Burrows, WM Turner, GG Ash,  
 AC Timpson (Club Captain)  
 Front Row: MW Berkeley, N Little, KD Cockburn (Captain), WJ Hodgson, GB Slee  
 Inset: MP Nee, PA Gunby



**Burnside Cricket Club**

*Winners Suburban Junior B Competition 1960-61*

Back Row: WB Porter, AH Jensen, RF Moir  
 Middle Row: MJ Hart, JD Burns, MJ Dudley, GA Woodsford, L Goodger, MF Hobbs  
 Front Row: DA Williamson (President), DI Laughton, JS Crosbie (Captain),  
 LE Duke, AA MacDonald



**Burnside Cricket Club**

*Winners Suburban Senior B Competition 1962-63*

Back Row: PA Dolheguy, BD Wright  
 Middle Row: DA Youl, BD Copley, MF Hobbs, DJ Hooper, JW Reeves, WB Porter  
 Front Row: SR Shepherd (Secretary), MJ Hart, JS Crosbie (Captain), LE Duke,  
 DA Williamson (President)



Captain Tony Timpson attempts a sweep shot against East Christchurch on Hagley 2, October 1961. (Christchurch Star)



A practice match on Hagley 1 on opening day 1969. Michael Fisher faces Graham Sherlock with fieldsmen Ralph Byrne, Neville Huxford, Terry Jarvis, Brian Adams and Bobby Allen ready for a catch.



**West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Senior Team 1965-66*

Back Row: PA Sharp, GA Bartlett, ID Hounsell, DH Hicks, GT Dowling, J Veitch  
 Front Row: BC Adams, RK Allen, BF Hastings (Captain), PE Wallace, BR Prestige



**West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Senior Team 1969-70*

Back Row: MA Fisher, DG Trist, BF Hastings, GR Sherlock, TW Jarvis,  
 GT Dowling, CW Garrod  
 Front Row: BK Bhana, MK Phillips, RK Allen, PA Sharp (Captain), NA Huxford,  
 CM Kirk, BC Adams, M Johnston (Scorer)



October 1968. Peter Sharp receives the Press Pennant from Jack Saunders, President of the CCA, for winning the senior championship in the 1967-68 season. President Jack Kerr and club Captain Neville Huxford watch the presentation. (Press)



### **Burnside Cricket Club**

*Winners Senior A Suburban Competition 1970-71*

Back Row: M Laby, R Gussette, WA James, BJ Rickard, J Humphries, B Malden, DJ McNaughton

Front Row: RO Bain, DA Youl, PM Burton, JS Crosbie, C Hazeldine, DA Williamson, DJ Hooper, RGF Moir, RM Armour

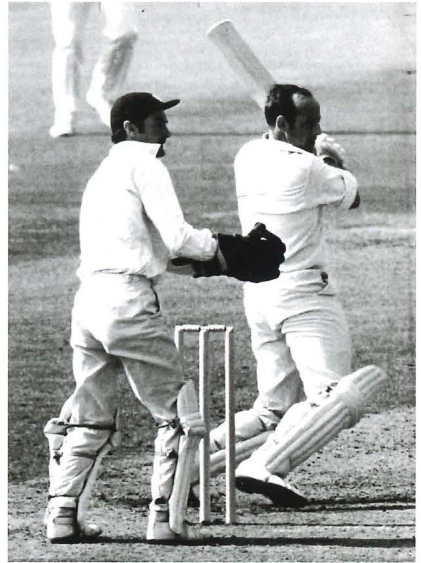
Inset: TA Westwood (Captain), G Reddington



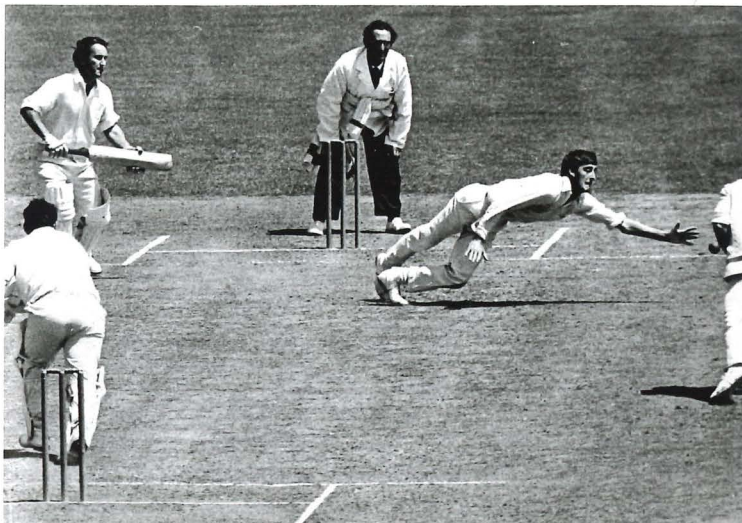
Gary Bartlett has a successful lbw appeal against Graham Thomas. NZ versus NSW. March 1962. (Christchurch Star)



Surely a remarkable record. Member for 75 years since 1929, Jack Kerr scored 8,415 runs and made 20 centuries in a 28 year senior career.



Brian Hastings goes to fifty with this cut shot. NZ versus England at Trent Bridge. August 1969.



David Trist dives to field a ball off Auckland John Carson.  
Canterbury versus Auckland. December 1969. (Christchurch Star)



Neville Huxford in action for Canterbury against  
Central Districts. November 1967. (Christchurch Star)



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*First Committee 1972*

- Back Row: RS Laby, RJ Rickard, AR Alty, RK Allen, DA Youl, BC Adams  
 Middle Row: KD Cockburn, RE Dunn, BR Dunn, DG Trist, MG Laby  
 Front Row: NA Johnstone (Secretary), DJ Hooper (Treasurer), GT Dowling (President), JS Crosbie (Vice President), DA Williamson (Club Captain), BF Hastings  
 Absent: A Kitto, CM Kirk, WR McLean, MJ Shardlow, PT McMahon



Chris Kirk. Top class left arm spinner who took 409 wickets between 1966 and 1980. (Christchurch Star)



Captain Peter Wallace receives the Press trophy awarded to the winners of the Press Twilight tournament. February 1977.



An aerial view of the new irrigation system for Burnside Park. 1989.



Pre season one day match. Canterbury versus Wellington. November 1983.



Pre season one day match Canterbury versus Auckland. December 1985.



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Winners CCA Senior One Day Cup 1983-84*

- Back Row: AJ Hintz, MB O'Neill, SA Jeffery, SN Bateman, AJ Farrant, DJ Hamilton,  
DR Cusack, JF Thompson (President)
- Front Row: DJ Boyle, JW Porter, DG Farrant, CG Marks, KI Collins (Captain),  
RW Haglund, MR O'Donnell, PE Wallace



Tony Feely. First team scorer since 1980 and meticulous keeper of statistics.



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Winners CCA 3rd Grade Section 2 Competition 1986-87*

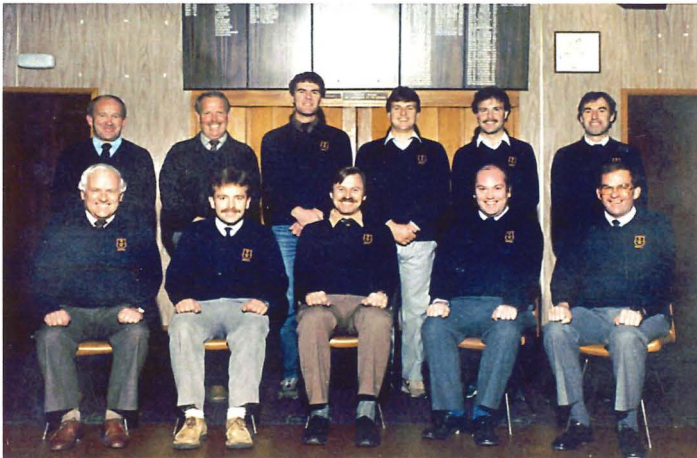
- Back Row: DB Muncaster, PW Woolhouse, SR Willan, MC Robertson, SA Cooke,  
TE Hawker, PJ Meaclem
- Front Row: GC Hooper, GP Tongue, WA Averill, GC Holdem (Captain),  
DS Philpott, MG Hamilton
- Absent: P Grundy, M Cawthorn



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Runners-up CCA Presidents Grade 1988-89*

- Back Row: WJ Berry, MJ Page, AM Boa, GJ Barclay, BF Hastings  
 Middle Row: RW Chisolm, MK Phillips, AJ McKinnon, BJ Cummings, JF Thompson, BW Preston  
 Front Row: EE White, WB Berry, DO Fox (Captain), BH Hopkins, AW Crowe



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Committee 1985-86*

- Back Row: BA Doherty, VB Cusack, SA Jeffery, MA Beatson, WA Averill, PF O'Grady (Treasurer)  
 Front Row: JL Oliver, BJ McKenzie (Club Captain), AR Alty (President), AJ Feely (Secretary), GL Thomson



The Burnside West Christchurch University senior team takes the field against St Albans. A win by 5 wickets. January 8, 2005.



Burnside club members parade at the start of the International Golden Oldies Tournament at Hagley Oval. March 1992.



Mark Hastings bowling against East Shirley at Burwood Park 1996.



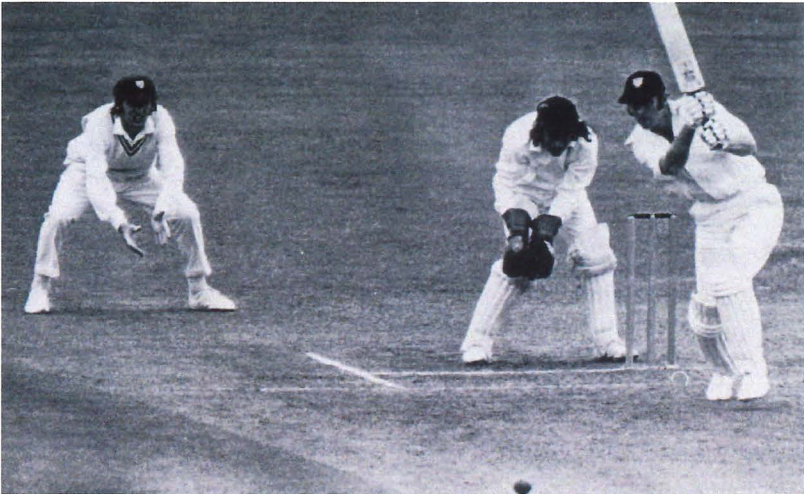
Vince Cusack and Oska. Senior selector and groundsman. 1979 to 1993



**Below:** Danny Timpson.  
Groundsman 1996 to 2005.  
December 2004



Gerard Cross, Wes Hall and Brian Hastings. November 1980



Terry Jarvis playing against Wellington. January 1971



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Winners Third Grade Competition 1974-75*

P O'Grady, T Abbott, G Higgins, J Peoples, R Slade, M Keenan, G Brodie  
R Backhouse, S Aitken, I Griffiths.

**Absent:** Tur Borren, Toon Borren, I Callow, R Johns, R Bear, R Julian



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Winners Third B Suburban Competition 1979-80*

Back Row: P Gilbert, A Rains, K Marks, D Thomson

Middle Row: A Lattimore, J Johnston, M Bray, W Harrison, A Mitchell

Front Row: R Coleman, D Reid, G Jones(Captain), P Mitchell, A Smith, G Olsen



Inside the clubrooms. November 1980



**West Christchurch Cricket Club**

*Winners Third Grade Competition 1933-34*

W Bain, G Wyatt, E Luttrell, G Yates, E Caygill, P Bell-Dyer, R Camm, H Manning, J Ramsden, R Wyndham, W Douglas, A Byrne



Al Brown and Jim Patrick. November 1980



Bob Allen and Geoff Wain on Hagley 1. October 1964



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Winners CCA Third Grade Section 2 Competition 1993-94*

Back Row: PF O'Grady (President), NJT Wright, HR Pickering, BW Mentink, SA Hawke, PJ Kearney, RE Burgess (Club Captain)

Front Row: DRG Allen, ST McKee, CG Flecknoe, MG Lee (Captain), GC Holdem, GD Wright



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Winners Third B Suburban Competition 1979-80*

Back Row: ES Schmidt, B Reid, RO Bain, RR Harrison

Middle Row: W Whittington, WK Bryce, RE Dunn, KB Dawson, AW Pole

Front Row: CG Thomas, DJ Hooper, DA Youl, DA Williamson



George Howden. Life member, groundsman, pavilion custodian and general fix-it man for over 50 years.



Hamish Kember. In 15 years his left arm spinners took 420 wickets.



Presidents Team 1990 ready for action.

From left: J McKinnon, B Hastings, M Dormer, J Thompson, M Phillips, C Cunningham, A Alty, T Bates, G Coburn, D Fox, A Grayburn



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Committee 1996-97*

- Back Row: MB Hastings, DS Timpson (Groundsman), RA Harvey (Club Coach),  
GT Barrett (Selector), DW Biddick (Junior Delegate)
- Front Row: AR Alty, DW Rea (Secretary), RE Burgess (President), GG Norquay  
(Treasurer), PF O'Grady (CCA Delegate), SM Packman (Club Captain)



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Winners CCA Cavaliers Grade 1995-96*

- Back Row: LK Cooke (Scorer), HDR Calderwood, GT Barrett, GM Longley,  
MB Hastings, DA Robertson, PF O'Grady
- Front Row: RE Burgess, RA Brown, SA Cooke, CP Kennedy (Captain), GJ Dickson,  
AB Sherwood
- Inset: JM Van Dyke
- Absent: SJ Hawker, SA Jeffery



### **Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Winners Senior Two and one Day Competitions 1990-91*

Back Row: CP Kennedy, GD Turner, AR Hickford, AB Sherwood, CM Kerr, TE Hawker

Middle Row: AE Grayburn (Secretary), PJ Cotton, DJ Philpott, GT Barrett, HJ Kember,  
GJ Dickson, DA Dempsey (Coach), AJ Feeley (Scorer)

Front Row: RG Hintz (President), WM Noon, AJ Hintz, SA Jeffery (Captain),  
SN Bateman, RW Haglund, SJ Hawker, RE Burgess (Club Captain)

Absent: MA Hastings



### **Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Committee 2004-05*

Anti-clockwise: M Harding, K Sutherland, A Taggart, G Boorer, M Shackleton,  
A Scott, D Rea, B Hastings, C Blackman, P O'Grady, J Thompson, M Rea, A Barry



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Life Members October 2004*

Back Row: BC Adams, PF O'Grady, JF Thompson, GT Dowling  
Front Row: KD Cockburn, BF Hastings (President), RG Hintz, RE Burgess



The popular Friday night junior cricket. Burnside Oval. December 2004.



Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club pavilion. December 2004.



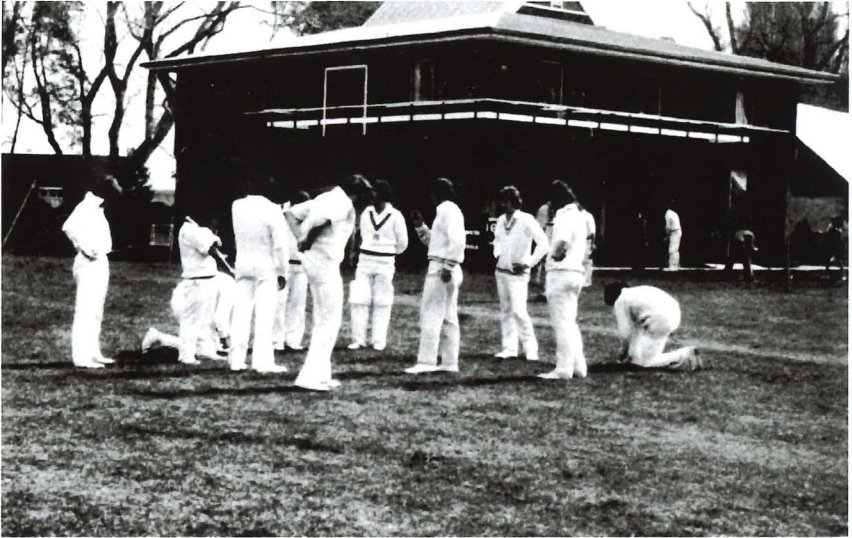
Original 1905 West Christchurch pavilion on Hagley Oval, built in 1864, now owned by the Canterbury Umpires Association. December 2004.



The last over before lunch and the Indian players crowd Graham Dowling who is on 199. R Surti dives for the catch with bowler R Nadkarni and wicketkeeper F Engineer showing great excitement. Graham went on to complete the double century and became the first NZ Test captain to achieve that honour. February 1968. (Press)



Peter Wallace plays the sweep shot. BWU versus St Albans in the final of the ANZ Cup on Hagley. March 1983. (Christchurch Star)



15<sup>th</sup> October 1977. First senior match at Burnside Oval. Captain Colin Blackman gives the final team talk.



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Winners Third B Suburban Competition 1977-78*

- Back Row: CD Rapson, DS Jack, JN Walker, RE Dunn  
 Middle Row: O Afato, JL Sturge, RR Harrison, GJ Mackenzie, RO Bain  
 Front Row: B Alabone, DJ Hooper (Captain), DA Williamson, ES Schmidt



David Boyle playing for Canterbury against Auckland. January 1988.



Al Brown. Life member, selector and member of the Presidents grade for over 30 years. Watching NZ against West Indies at Lancaster Park. February 1980. (Christchurch Star)



### **Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Winners CCA Senior Competition 1977-78*

- Back Row: DG Harrison (Scorer), BD Thomas, MJ William, JW Davies, JG Boyle, SN Bateman, KPJ Williams, GI Cummins, P Burgess, GT Dowling, AC Brown (Selector)
- Front Row: KI Collins, MA Fisher, BF Hastings, OC Blackman (Captain), WJ Mitchell, PE Wallace, BK Bhana



John Mitchell sweeps against Riccarton on Hagley 3. 1977. (Press)



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Winners CCA Sixth Grade Competition 1983-84, 1984-85*

Back Row: ME Doyle, NG Brown, CD Hurdell, MJ Meates, BM Dixon, PA McAleer  
 Middle Row: JM Sherrif, JB Oakley, JA Edmondson (Captain), GP Barkle  
 Front Row: PD Stayt, SW Gourdie



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*President's Team 1977-78*

Back Row: J Gilson, K Williams, J Thompson, D Small, G Coburn, D Fox

Front Row: A Grayburn, A Hintz, R Hintz, B Adams, M Dormer



**Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club**

*Winners Third C Grade Suburban Competition 1984-85*

Back Row: J Oliver, R Harwood, M Shardlow, R Dunn (Captain), A Westwood,  
A Tizzard, G Thomson

Front Row: K Gussette, R Harrison, W Swallow, G Beale, D McClelland



Steve Bateman bowling for Canterbury against Auckland. January 1985.



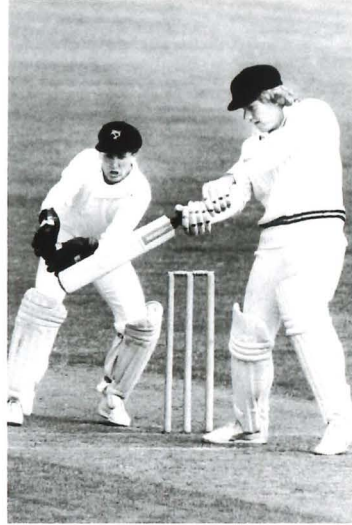
Andrew Hintz bowling for Canterbury against Northern Districts at Lancaster Park. January 9 1988. (Christchurch Star)



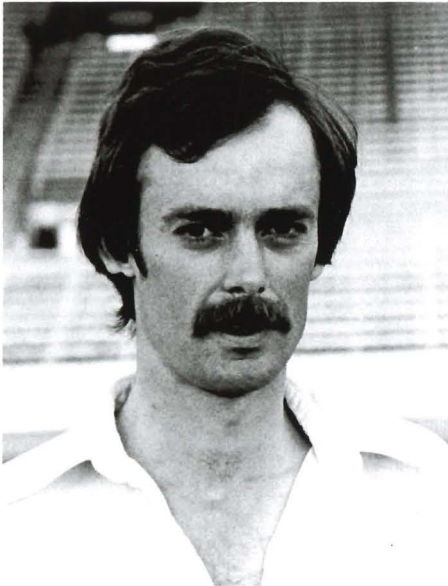
Kevin Collins appeals for a stumping against Tony Gray. John Mitchell partially obscured. March 1980. (Christchurch Star)



David Farrant playing against Old Boys in a One Day match. December 1984.



Russell Haglund playing against St Albans on Hagley 1 in the final of the ANZ cup. March 1983. (Christchurch Star)



Tony Farrant. Right arm fast medium bowler. 72 matches 243 wickets.



Steve Hawker. Right arm fast medium bowler. 86 matches 259 wickets.



The senior team celebrates victory in the Trustee Bank Cup. 1990-91.



Stephen Jeffery receives the Trust Bank Player of the Year Trophy from Richie Bray. March 1991.

75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Photographs, November 1980



Dennis Smith, Bill Burton, Mick Connolly, Fred Dawson, Rupert Worker, Jim Patrick.



Ken Ferries, Gerard Cross.



David Trist and friends.



Alan Alty, Derek Cockburn.



Whit Porter, Don Williamson.



Checking the history of the club.

75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Photographs, November 1980



Peter Sharp, Don Williamson, Peter Smith.



Jack Kerr, Barry Cummings.



Brian Preston, Bill Cherry.



Vince Cusack, Jack Williams.



Tony Timpson, Peter Wallace.



David Saunders, Russ McLean.



Margaret Turner, Gerald Austin.



Ralph Byrne, John Hamilton.

75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Photographs, November 1980



David Hicks, Bobby Allen.



Barry Thomas, Ron Harwood, Tony Farrant.



Darryl Small, Guy Elliot, Graham Dowling.



John Thompson, Mike Gibbon.



Mike Phillips, Martin McEwan, Brian Adams.



George Howden.



David Trist, Harry Hopkins.



Alan Alty, Al Boa.

75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Photographs, November 1980



Max Stewart, John Olliver.



Warren Fletcher.



Jim Hudson, Mike Shardlow,  
George McCreanor.



Brian Hastings.



David Hooper.



Fred Dawson, Max Stewart.



Doug Youl, John Elley.

Christ's College, Canterbury winning easily by 214 to 71. Canterbury returned the following year to Otago and the result was a draw in a two day game. In the period from 1928 to 1940 13 matches were played with three victories to Canterbury and two to Otago. The most outstanding performance over this period was a 9th wicket partnership of 226\* by Badham and Turbitt for Canterbury in the 1930 match.

A team was entered by Canterbury College in the CCA competitions in the 1931-32 season when a team played in the fourth grade competition. However the next year the Association took the quite extraordinary step of restricting team entries to the eight senior clubs and secondary schools. The Suburban Association agreed to look after those clubs not eligible but it seems that the University Club simply went out of existence. After the war a new club was formed and in the 1946-47 season the University cricket club entered teams in the 2B and 3B grades of the CCA competition. In 1933 Canterbury College changed its name to Canterbury College University.

Later in 1957 with a projected move to the Ilam site in the north-west of Christchurch a further name change was made to that of the University of Canterbury. This Ilam area was founded by J C Watts-Russell who was a wealthy ex-army officer. He arrived on the "George Seymour" in December 1950 from Ilam, a village five miles north-west of Ashbourne in north Staffordshire. He made the homestead the centre of hospitality and entertainment for the elite of early Christchurch. It was sold in July 1950 to the University and is now used as a club for the University staff. Mr Cyril Watson, the Superintendent of University grounds laid two clay wicket blocks while later other blocks were added in the early 1960's. The original homestead barn was upgraded and then extended to become the present cricket pavilion.

From the 1946-47 season through the efforts of BJ Drake, later to be President of the Canterbury Rugby Union, and others dedicated to the cause of University cricket the club was to expand to six teams by the 1955-56 season. In 1948 a linkage that was to last for seven years was formed with Teachers College and they entered a team under the University name and played in the 2C grade. However the top team never got beyond the 2B grade and the club only recorded 3 grade victories in eleven years, two in the Presidents and one in 2B in 1955-56. By winning the 2B grade the club could have justifiably expect promotion to 2A for the 1956-57 season but that was not to take place. A poor performance next season in that grade saw the inevitability of amalgamation.

Over the years there were many cricketers at the University who had to choose between their natural wish to go as far as they could and their loyalty to a club which would involve their playing in a grade lower than their real ability. This conflict was never resolved and was the reason for the merger with the West Christchurch Club in September 1957.

The first Easter tournament was played in Christchurch in 1902 with the four oldest colleges competing. Athletics and tennis were the major sports. Cricket was played for the first time at the 1948 University Easter Tournament when a combined Otago Canterbury team played against a combined Victoria Auckland team. The following year cricket became an integral part of the tournament with the results permitted to count towards the University Shield. Canterbury defeated Otago on the first innings but lost outright to Victoria in the final. The format that was evolved saw two day matches played with Auckland playing Victoria and Canterbury playing Otago at suitable venues en route to the tournament. The winners and losers then played off at the city where the tournament was based. Following these games a NZ University team was selected and played a match against the locally based provincial team, the importance of which can be gauged by a report of the match always being included in the NZ Cricket Almanack. This particular system continued until 1961 when with the introduction of teams from Lincoln and Massey a six team tournament based on one day matches was introduced. Later in 1972 a team from the Waikato University was included.

The 1951 tournament was held in Auckland where "despite a sloping ground, a lack of afternoon tea and other facilities normally provided Canterbury finished second". The club won the tournament for the first time in 1957. At this time selection for tournament was keenly sought and players from any club in Christchurch were eligible for selection.

After the amalgamation in 1957 selection for tournament was restricted to club members. Victories were obtained in 1959, 1960, 1963, 1966, 1970 and 1975. One of the most tragic incidents occurred in 1968. Teams from Canterbury, Otago and Lincoln traveling to the Palmerston North tournament were on board the Wahine inter island ferry when it sank in Wellington harbour with the loss of 51 lives. Fortunately the cricketers were all saved although they lost their belongings and cricket gear. The Students Association came to the rescue and offered the proceeds from a "Hop" by way of compensation.

Each year up until 1977-78 an account on the tournament was included in the club's annual report and judging from the quality of the players taking part, the cricket played up until the mid 1970's was of a high standard. However with standards falling all was not well and in an endeavor to strengthen the team, the committee made a decision to allow non club members to be eligible for selection for the 1979 tournament. Unfortunately the tournament was completely rained out. The following year Barrie Cummings in his club captains' report of the 1979-80 season noted that "by choice Canterbury was not represented at that year's Easter tournament. It transpired it was poorly organized and he hoped that improvements would be made by the University who was scheduled to organize the 1981 tournament".

The club was represented again at the 1981 tournament which was held in Dunedin, but only two players, Tim Densem and Dave Chartois, were club members. Of concern only four Universities sent teams and it was apparent that the best players were not going to tournament, the proximity of mid session exams, cost and declining standards seemed to be the main reasons for the lack of interest. That was the last occasion that a comment was made about University cricket in the annual reports. It appears that a more socially inclined cricket competition continued to be part of Easter tournament up until the mid 1990's when it finally ceased to exist. The club had little to do with the organization or selection of those teams. At the present time the club is still affiliated to the University, an annual grant is applied for and the subscription reduction for students still continues.

Between 1960 and 1976 there was a close liaison with Australian Universities and exchange tours occurred on a regular basis. NZ toured Australia in 1959, 1966, 1970, 1974 and 1978. The Australian University sent teams to play NZU Universities on five occasions, in 1961-62, 1967-68, 1971-72 and 1975-76.

Canterbury lost by an innings and 152 runs in 1962, by 84 runs in 1968, by 54 runs in 1972 and by 10 wickets in 1976. In 1962 a test was played at Elmwood Park while in 1968 and 1972 tests were played at Ilam. In addition in January 1966 a team from Melbourne University played 2 games against the club at Ilam, both of which were won by Canterbury.

College blues were introduced in 1913 for outstanding sporting achievements and these continued until 1951 when a disagreement over the system of awarding blues saw their suspension. This suspension continued until 1961 when the awards were again restored. Canterbury cricket blues were won by:

BH Hopkins	1962, 1963	WJ Mitchell	1966
CMKirk	1970,1971,1972	MA Fisher	1970
BK Bhana	1970,1971	T Horne	1976
M Toynbee	1977	DJ Boyle	1982,1983
RJR Irving	1993		

### **1958-1972 The Burnside Club**

by Don Williamson

Don Williamson, co-founder with Ray Moir created an enviable record being involved with the club's administration every year since its inception. When he first left school Don was a keen yachtsman, but the harsh realities faced when buying a house shortly after his marriage in 1955 decided him to take up cricket. He first played for Waltham, but a move to the Burnside district and his involvement as coach of the fourth grade Burnside rugby team provided the incentive to call an initial meeting. His foresight, enthusiasm

and sheer hard work have been amply rewarded with the size and success of the present club. Typically, Don agreed without hesitation to write in the 75th jubilee book of the early years of the Burnside club and it is reprinted again 25 years on. Don was the first club captain of the merged club and later was President for two years from 1981 to 1983. He died at an early age in 1998.

A summer sport to keep a team of keen rugby players together during the summer season was the beginning of the Burnside cricket club twenty-two years ago. On the 21 July 1958, a public meeting was held in the Fendalton kindergarten to discuss the foundation of a cricket club in the Burnside area. The meeting was attended by nineteen people, mostly from the Burnside Rugby club's fourth grade team. Members of the Canterbury Suburban Cricket Association and Waimari County Council were also present and an apology was received from the Canterbury Cricket Association. As there were more apologies than those present, it was decided to form a club and an interim committee was elected.

The first club members included R Moir (President), D. McLean (Club Captain), D. Williamson (Secretary Treasurer), J Willoughy, L Duke, K Jones, J Graham, L Goodger, C Booth, D Atkins, G. McCreanor, A Wright, J Lester, R Newlands, K Mitchon, W Porter, O Marsh, N Robinson, S Shepheard, L Riches, B Gilmour.

There was no doubt in the minds of this first committee that the club's colours had to be red (in line with the Burnside Rugby club) and that the emblem had to be a cabbage tree to signify the hoped for close relationship with Burnside High School which had already chosen the cabbage tree as its emblem. These historical cabbage trees are still in existence in the school grounds by the corner of Greers Road and tradition has it that they were used by the early Maoris as a landmark to help guide them while crossing the plains.

A ground was available on Burnside Park but because of the lateness of the club's formation Council help was not available until after the season started. It was decided, rightly or wrongly, to go ahead and select a suitable square out in the park, and start preparing a pitch ourselves. After much mowing, forking, lifting, filling in with sand, and rolling, we felt we had the best pitch in Canterbury, the block is now known as number 3. Because Whit Porter and Noel Robinson had sections backing on to the park, they were duly elected honorary groundsmen.

It is interesting to note that Burnside Park, once the nucleus of Burnside Farm was owned and run by William Boag a prominent early colonist. He arrived in New Zealand in 1851 and purchased the land in 1858. The wooded area leading off from Memorial Ave was the drive into the majestic homestead which he had built in the 1870's. Sadly, it was destroyed by fire in 1914 when it all had been leased out to the Army as a military camp. From 1951 the

Council slowly acquired the land to form Burnside Park, the cricket oval being purchased in 1955.

The woolshed from the original homestead served as changing sheds for the rugby club in the winter and for the cricket club in the summer and in these early days the "slat" flooring was still down and at times sheep and bales of straw were stored there. After trying to boil our tea water in Thermetts, (as we were without electricity,) we decided that the more modern "Multi Pot" was the answer. This change brought about some very amusing sidelights, players were rostered to boil these two and a half gallon pots and bring them to cricket. After coming to the boil, tea was added to a perforated cylinder that fitted down the middle of the insulated Multi Pot. Yes, you have guessed it. With the husband running late the wife might forget to put in tea. Result - boiled water or occasionally the opposite of very strong black tea.

Improvements - we were allowed to put a "lean to" on the end of the pavilion from which we could sell soft drinks and make the tea on our nice new kerosene double burner. We located a roller from the Fendalton bowling club which was a wonderful acquisition until we found one Saturday, our "lean to" completely flat on the ground. Sitting proudly on top of the corrugated iron was our newly acquired roller. This prompted talks with the Burnside rugby club and Waimairi County Council on building changing sheds on the park. For an outlay of £750 we became part owners of the area downstairs in our pavilion where the showers are. This was like a palace; concrete floor, electricity and showers. Incidentally, it was in those same showers that we kept our after match refreshments cool as we found cold dripping water was fine refrigeration. We even bought a bar from Don Bowie and this remained in use for many years.

With practice facilities causing problems a composition wicket was laid down in 1969 at a cost of \$310. Bob Bain and Dave Hooper did much of the early work and helped supply materials at "mate's rates". Dunlop laid the special top and provided the green paint which was put on by club members. The artificial pitch was one of the first of its type in Christchurch

Initially we had a very mixed bag of players but magnificent club members they were. Enthusiasm was the key word and players in the district who were retiring or considering it joined the club to help out for a couple of years. People like Whit Porter, ex Taranaki Representative; Les Duke, Auckland senior player; Roy Moir, who was a well known senior Suburban Representative; Keith Hitchon, Ray Newlands, ex-Wellington; and many others.

Two teams were entered on the 11th October 1958; in the Junior C and Third C grades. The results were:

**Junior C:** Burnside 84 (Duke 42 not out) and 67 for eight declared (Davidson 22 no) beat Addington 8 (Moir six for 3, Davidson two for 3) and 32 (Williamson four for 10).

**Third C:** Wigram 74 for seven declared (Wright two for 2) beat Burnside 35.

Two of Addingtons runs were byes and three of their players were injured – two going to hospital for treatment and one we fixed up on the ground. Incidentally Bob Hargreaves who took six for 19 against us joined our club the next year.

Up until the 1960/61 season we remained in the top three or four in the grades we played in, but it was not until we gained the services of Jim Crosbie, Mike Hart, Jim Burns, Mike Hobbs, combined with the better players, Duke, Porter, Woodsford, Moir and MacDonald that we really started to move. Under Jim Crosbie's captaincy we won the Junior A competition the next season. Then, with three youngsters, namely Brian Copley, Brian Wright and Peter Dolheguy and a not so young Doug Youl, the Senior B grade was won in 1962-63. The Club has a lot to thank Jim for. Not only was he captain, but also was secretary and treasurer for a number of years and always had to be admired for his positive attitude.

After Jim retired we had some very able skippers in Bill King, Jim Burns, Bill Trealar, Allen Westwood and Bob Rickard. Allen Westwood in 1970/71 won the Senior A grade and that particular team had much potential. But we lost Allen to Wellington, John Humphries back to the Peninsula and others preferred to play in lower grades.

During 1969 it was decided that a tour to Australia should be undertaken and fourteen interested club members then commenced a fund raising campaign. Various methods were used including; jumble sales, bottle drives, games evenings, cake stalls, Christmas stocking raffle, weekly meat raffles at Oxford Hotel plus the member's personal deposits. It was a lot of work and there were several occasions that the plan seemed hopeless, but with the organising ability and enthusiasm of Laurie Wilde the trip became fact. Unfortunately two or three members withdrew late in the proceedings and these positions were filled by others who "bought" their way in. Two of these were in fact from other suburban clubs, namely Doug Tansley (Sumner) and Richard Hooper (Waltham).

The Burnside touring members were as follows: Laurie Wilde, tour organiser and leader, Doug Youl, player-manager, Dave Hooper, treasurer (known affectionately as mother), Bill Carn, photographer-player, Bob Rickard, Merv Laby, Alan Westwood, Rex Gussette, Brian Taylor, Barry Dunn, Bruce Malden and Bill Treloar. The tour commenced March 26th 1970 and included fixtures in Melbourne, Geelong, Camperdown, Wanambool and Ararat. Through shocking weather only three games were able to be played, the first of these being transferred to a concrete wicket. The two games at Camperdown resulted in one win and one loss whilst the cricket highlight was without

doubt playing on the beautiful grounds at the Geelong Grammar School and drawing the match against their 1st eleven. The touring team was billeted in Camperdown and received royal treatment there and from the Geelong cricket club members.

Many "off the field" anecdotes could be recorded here, not the least of these being Rex Gussette's return by train from the Caulfield races to the hotel in St. Kilda. Rex traveled via Dandenong (the opposite direction) and just rejoined the team in time to catch the train to Geelong at 8.30am the following day. Rex has been known as the Dandenong Flier or Railway Rex ever since. The "Southern Aurora" overnight train was used to transport the tourists from Melbourne to Sydney and after two hectic days and nights in "The Cross" the tour ended on April 5th.

It was about 1971 that rumours had it that one of the strongest clubs in the Canterbury Cricket Association were interested in shifting out to the suburbs and they were looking at Burnside in particular. After many meetings privately and publicly by both clubs, an agreement was reached whereby both clubs could merge to their benefit and the district as a whole. I must say it was a very trying time the eighteen months prior to the actual merger. We were a close knit club and someone encroaching into our domain was initially treated with suspicion, I think we lost two players as the result of the merger, but I thank the rest for their confidence in the committee's decision to merge. There were many harsh words spoken during discussions, but the sportsmen they were, they were soon forgotten and the club remained their first thought.

In "hindsight" after eight years I am convinced we made the right decision. We have not lost playing numbers and we have gained facilities both social and playing that maybe we might not have had if we had not merged. I feel the one thing we as a club have lost, but not necessarily on the suburban side, is club spirit. This is important in all successful clubs, but maybe it just takes time.

Finally I would like to mention personalities. I know this is dangerous and I apologize to those I leave out.

Ray Moir, Whit Porter, Les Duke, Len Goodger, Ray Newlands, John "Ginger" Davidson, George McCreanor, Simeon Shepherd, Allan Wright and Don Atkins: All foundation members and have played for the club in recent years. As members of the fourth grade rugby teams they were some of the "tireless" workers.

Three club members in particular were great fund raising workers.

Doug Youl, for his efforts over many years with Oxford Meat Raffles, Harewood Hall get togethers, Christmas stockings and many others.

Laurie Wilde for his special effort towards financing our club's trip to Australia in 1970.

Merv Laby for his work at Housie.

Other members I would like to thank for their work either on or off the field over many years.

Bob Beatson with his work with the schoolboys.

Dave Hooper joined us at the beginning of the 1961 season and his contribution to the club over all those years was tremendous.

Ken Bryce joined in the 1962 season, played for a number of seasons, had a break in Nelson and then rejoined the club.

Doug Youl joined in 1962 was skipper of three grade winning teams and the member of two others, 5 out of 8 not bad.

Merv Laby 1962 was the club and Association secretary, played through all grades and was one of five brothers that played for the club

Bob Bain joined in 1964 and was a member of four grade winning teams.

In finishing I would like to thank all members for their efforts whether playing, fund raising, working on committees, score keeping or simply being honorary members. All of this is necessary to make a club and a club to be proud of you did make.

### **Schoolboy Cricket**

by Derek Cockburn

One of the most outstanding administrators of schoolboy cricket in Canterbury has been Derek Cockburn, who was President of the CJCA for four years from 1975. He was made a life member of the CJCA and received honorary cricket membership of the CCA in 1991. Derek has been gear custodian, draw maker, selector, coach, President, team manager, Association secretary and treasurer along with the demanding duties of publicist. He has attended over 40 South Island tournaments which are held every January. Here he records some of the highlights and remembers some of the talented cricketers and administrators involved with the club.

On December 1st 1958 Frank Hill represented the West Christchurch club at the first meeting of the CCA Junior Cricket Committee. This meeting which took place in the St. Albans Club pavilion resolved to encourage mid-week attendance at nets with elementary aspects of the game being taught to the youngsters in order to prepare them for match play from February 1959. 30 teams, one from West, commenced play at 9.30 a.m. on 14 February 1959. The grades were A (premier), B1 (balance of Form 2), B2 (Form 1) and C grade for standard 4 and below. Clubs were allocated schools and Neil Penlington of West Spreydon provided the first team for the West Christchurch club.

This activity led to the CCA setting up a Junior Advisory Board and the first AGM was held on October 9th, 1961. Jack Kerr was appointed Auditor, a post he retained for 17 seasons. After friendly provincial matches with

Associations, a South Island format was launched in January, 1963.

Although at times the West Christchurch club found it difficult to look after its young players, under the excellent control of Fred Hobbs with good support from Brian Hopkins, and Bobby Allen, teams were fielded most years. These teams included players such as Richard Pither, Andrew McFadyen, Graham Lynch, Chris Marks and David Bull.

The Burnside Club was the first Suburban cricket club to enter teams in the JAB competition. A very energetic group of parents handled this side and Bob Beatson along with Theo Henning, Louis Moody, Phil Whyte, Alex Hay and Allan Calder must take much of the credit. Colin Seager came on the scene a little later. Initially he was the schoolboy representative on the club's management committee, later he was elected to the JAB and finally to the top position of President.

Some of the better youngsters who played for Burnside over this period were Philip Iggo, Mark Gilbert, John Calder, the hard hitting American boy John Forbes, John Lindsay, Kevin Collins and Steve Bateman. By 1967 suburban clubs including Hornby, Sumner, New Brighton, Beckenham and Belfast had joined along with teams from Xavier, Loreto and Cathedral Grammar schools.

The NZC coach Martin Horton visited Christchurch on a regular basis and sound coaching was available. At the time most youngsters had been using cast-off club 5 1/2 ounce balls so Martin introduced the 5 ounce ones, while David Trist promoted the Ngasaki softer ball for preparation work. The merger between West and the University Club gave the club the opportunity to use the excellent wicket blocks at Ilam and they were needed as team numbers had now reached ten sides.

Subscriptions were \$1 per player, an increase from the previous 2/6 per player.

Club supervisors included Peter Low, Clyde Sugden, Derek McLelland, Brian Lee, Martin Brinkers, Sid Nicholson and Reg Rattray, along with Bruce Davis, John Harris, Jack Boyle and Bernie Kennedy. West University players included Phil Harris, Paul Dixey, Roddy McPherson, Ross Holliday, Simon Clements, Wally Averill and the Webster boys.

The Burnside Club had good players like Geoff Longley, Donald Ambrose, Paul Lawson, Ricky Page, Allan Piper, Markham Lee and John Cannell.

The 1972-73 season proved challenging with the merger with Burnside promoting further schoolboy growth. The steering committee of Messrs Sharp, Dowling, Trist and Hastings together with Test Umpire Fred Goodall addressed a meeting of parents and supporters and empowered Ian Burdon, Peter Burton and Derek Cockburn to further develop the 300 young cricketers wanting to play. Team gear was restricted and a number of teams found

themselves in local combat sharing the match ball, using the JAB representative gear and using spent score books donated by Linwood High School.

A year later teams numbered 26 with the nursery section, internal and non-competitive boasting 70 beginners. In this important task Bob Beatson, Ian Hartland and Bob Prouting ran outstanding coaching sessions. Two of these boys were later to have success in other sports. Tony Von Biel became an outstanding athlete and Stuart Davenport won the World Junior Squash title in Sweden in 1980. The Saturday morning activity was vibrant with teams on standby for the use of wickets, some teams arriving late and some going to the wrong venue. There was enormous activity.

In 1975 subscriptions had increased to \$5 per player and \$10 for a family. Club representative sides went on tour to Greendale and Kaikoura supervised by Bruce Penfold, Bruce Malden, Michael Hartshorn, Graham Kitson and Ross Gibson.

Derek Cockburn relinquished the schoolboy portfolio after three seasons to Warner Barber, who with wife Joan made the boy's Christmas party a highlight not to be missed. Later convenors were John Oliver and Barry Doherty who found themselves catering for 450 children, and taking junior cricket and the club to greater heights.

Some of the players who were later to play senior cricket were Darin Cusack, Andrew Boyle, Russell Haglund and an 'import' from Central Otago in Stephen Jeffery. Hat-trick takers became regular - Steven Hawker with 5/14, Alistair Mayston in 6/5 and Darryn Muncaster in his stunning 7/13. Other players to produce representative form include James Whelan, Michael Hastings, Jeffery Stewart, Andrew Vincent, Grant Dickson, Jonathan Gurnsey, Glenn Holdem and Andrew Martin.

On Barry's departure in 1985, David Crichton did a short term as convenor which saw player of the day trophies introduced as well as the commencement of averages type matches. By now, the junior subscription rate was \$10 per player or \$20 family. Some of the amount was set aside for ground maintenance. The distribution of junior gear was always a problem and so the club gave the junior section the old tractor area in the pavilion to ease storage and the original door soon became the sorting and working table.

By now the club had 32 teams and the Friday night Kiwi matches boomed allowing parents to follow-up the next morning in the higher grades. Some of players to stand out were Eric White's sons, Martin and Graeme, Darron Reekers, Jeremy Bull, Stuart Weir, Tim Doherty, Glen Foulkes, Glynn Howell.

Bruce Reid took over the convenorship in 1987. School rolls had declined yet there were more youngsters wishing to play cricket and the city teams ran to 183. The learner's section at the club had its usual 115 players running internally. One lad, Michael Beattie, discovered the middle of his bat by

tall poplar trees with seven sixes. Fieldsmen and bowlers retreated as his 53 runs flashed by within ten minutes, pulling five sixes in succession. In another C grade match seven ducks were registered in a team total of 11.

The 1990's became the club's boom time. The club entered over 40 teams and total CJCA entries rose to 287 teams with the biggest growth in the under ten age group. Players in this era include Andrew Reid, Ben Dormer, Michael and Jonathon Rea, Brent Hiscoke, Paul Coster and Mark Harding. One topic of discussion at this time concerned the merits of average cricket versus traditional cricket. The Burnside club pushed for the playing of traditional cricket from around Standard 4 level but believed the batting and bowling order should work on rotation. An interesting observation and prelude to the future was made by Bruce Reid in 1992 when he wrote "that the club needs to have a more positive and professional attitude within the club to encourage all our ex junior players to return to our club after they leave high school".

Dennis Rea was the new convenor from the 1992-93 season and was followed by David McBrearty and Erroll Saunders. By now junior numbers were in excess of 500 players with 32 teams in the CJCA competition and a further 10 teams in the club's own Kiwi cricket competition. A first for the 1993-94 season was the introduction of a girl's team coached by Trevor Jones. The formation of a junior committee proved to be an excellent idea and spread the work load over a number of interested parents.

Numbers continued to increase reaching a maximum of 603 players in 1995-96 and BWU along with Sydenham and East ChCh-Shirley sides provided more than 65% of teams to the CJCA. Since 1996-97 the subscription rate has remained at \$45 per player and \$70 a family.

Later convenors have been Peter Burke and Ross Brown and while over the past 10 years playing numbers have fallen slightly in line with the national trend to just fewer than 300, volunteers have continued to be vital to either coach, manage, score or assist the club. Without the long time assistance of team coaches, some of whom no longer have children playing in the teams, such as Alex Hedges, Richard McBrearty, Mike Dudley, Grant Penlington and Roger Fuller the administration of junior cricket would not function.

Top players have been Todd Astle, Thomas Lee, Matthew Hunt, Phillip Banks, Mitchell Shaw, David Fussell, Colin Slade, Mark Andrews, Nick Badger, William and Fred Burke, Chris Ockenden, Shaun Coffey, Brendon McFarlane, Kris Gagliardi, Matt Smith, Hayden West, Nic McFarlane, Sam Cordy, Nick Birchfield, Hamish Fuller, James Boock, Matt Latham, James McCoy and James Ralston.

Match memories include:

- The keeper who caught about half of his dismissals with his knees.
- The look on Rex Gearry's face when his uncle George gave him out

lbw for 95.

- The look of delight on Richard Hadlee's face after taking bags of 5/5, 5/14 and 5/27 at Ashburton 1965.
- Justin Boyle who captured ten wickets in Ashburton's second innings at Oamaru 1972.
- Bryce Nicholson's match-winning knock of 109 not out against Otago in 1974
- Jonathan Gurnsey's 31 wickets @ 6.32 at Blenheim 1979.
- When a Burnside team was one player short and Medbury School lent a part time bowler to balance the numbers - he took the hat-trick over his friends.
- The hat-trick sitter who beat the new batsman with one which went right through the stumps without nudge or luck
- The striker who caught his miss-hit and tossed it back to the bowler without appeal.
- The visiting Grammar team which bowled and batted without taking their blazers off.

Tony Scott, the club manager has now taken over the role of looking after junior cricket and with the introduction of grade managers the smooth running of schoolboy cricket continues.

### **Womens Cricket**

At the beginning of the 1974-75 season the members of the Mai Moa ladies club joined the club. After a year's trial they made an application to merge with the club and with the proposal accepted, rule changes were made at the 1976 AGM to give the women equal rights within the club. The Mai Moa Club, formed in 1931 had won the senior championship 12 times. It was one of the early women clubs and at the time of the merger had 35 playing members spread over three teams. Their funds of \$263 would be injected into the clubs resources. It was agreed that their subscription would be 80% of the senior subscription which meant an increase for the ladies from \$12 to \$20.

The team was led by Margaret Turner in the first season and finished fourth, Margaret had an excellent year scoring over 600 runs with an average of 59 and taking 36 wickets at 12.8. Norma Thompson was the stand out player in the second team with 330 runs and 37 wickets. Unfortunately after two seasons the team lost its senior status and in 1979-80 entered teams in the senior B and third grade competitions. Pru Paterson, Norma Thompson and Carol Keenan were the leading players in the senior B team in 1979-80 and this was a forerunner to both teams winning their grades the following season. The next year the teams were first and third but disappointment with the lack of coaching and other aspects the total women's section transferred to another

club at the beginning of the 1982 season.

The annual report was obviously miffed and among other comments said " It was felt that it should be the club's aim to reintroduce a ladies section at the earliest opportunity and that any previous players would be welcomed back to the club, except the person who instigated the transfer" .

For the first time in 10 years a women's team was entered in the third grade for the 1991-92 season. They obviously enjoyed themselves but struggled to find 11 players each Saturday. However they battled on to a second position encouraged by the coaching from Gerald Barrett and Stu Cooke. Playing second grade the following year Libby Gower was confident they would have cleaned up the grade if they had had a full team each game. Angelita Schwalger was the star scoring over 50 runs most games. Sadly the following season lack of numbers plagued the team and it only played six games and after another difficult 1994-95 season the club was forced to abandon the women's section.

Four years later in 1998-99 it was restarted under the organization of Robyn Clark with two teams entered in 2nd grade and one in 4th grade. Many of the players were new to cricket and only one score over 50 was achieved. Three girls, Sarah Coghlan, Frances Clark and Nicole Ockenden were selected for Canterbury under 14 teams and Sarah and Frances also played in the Canterbury under 17 team. Three teams were again entered over the next two seasons and competed well. Eight players from the club were members of the Burnside High School first eleven which qualified for the final of the Secondary Schools competition in Palmerston North in 2001. Over the past three years the club has continued to enter teams in third grade and in 2003-04 a team from the Harewood cricket club came over and played in the first reserve grade. Again a lack of numbers was a problem but with coaching and encouragement from Ashley Taggart, Dean Roulston and Mark Harding many of the girls gained valuable skills. The highlight of the 2003-04 season was a magnificent 191 from Emma McDonald who was involved in an opening partnership of 254 with Sophie Gurnsey.

### **The Seniors in the Sixties**

by Peter Sharp

When Peter Sharp arrived in Christchurch he made an immediate impact with his clever spin bowling and later with his forthright and aggressive approach to captaincy. Here he recalls some of the highlights of the senior team of the 1960's.

The late Mac Anderson referred to the West University seniors of the mid sixties as "the bloody Foreign Legion". In the minds of many cricketers in Christchurch at the time but not, I suspect, in Mr Anderson's was the thought that we didn't deserve the success we enjoyed because we profited more than

most from the arrival of first class players into Christchurch. The teams of the time were certainly successful, they contained some wonderful players, admittedly several without the Christchurch pedigree, there was an amazing number of memorable matches but, most of all, the period can be remembered as a time which produced some marvellous fun for all the players and those associated with the team.

I came to live in Christchurch because of the quality of the cricket played here. To one brought up in the weather and the paddocks further south, Christchurch seemed the stronghold of New Zealand cricket, the next best thing to going to England which had yet to become the easy matter it is now. The pitches seemed true, the outfields fast, there were real umpires, Hagley Oval was out of this world and the players assumed the stature of Dr Grace.

When one arrives in a new city there is the problem of deciding which club to play for. There were eight senior teams and as a player with some representative experience I was conceited enough to believe that I could be fitted into most sides. Yet there were only two clubs in town where I could have been given a game in their senior side.

Lancaster Park had Bruce Irving and Albie Duckmanton, Sydenham had Frank Rapley and Saltie, Old Boys and Old Colls were closed clubs, St. Albans relied on the straight breaks of Zin Harris and Matt Poore, Riccarton scarcely needed spinners with Motz and Kiddey starting their devastating partnership but they had Ian Sinclair and Russell Hignett; so there was only East or West. I knew Brian Hastings a bit and the choice was easy.

I recall this because it illustrates a real truth of Christchurch cricket at the time. With the exception of Old Colls and East who were struggling, every team was exceedingly strong. There were genuine quickies, medium pacers who could wobble the ball all over the place, opening batsmen who knew their job was to wear down the opposition so the cavaliers could take charge to carry the score past 300. Being in the field all day or at least until the final half hour, when your opening batsmen struggled for survival until stumps, was common.

To a newcomer it all seemed terribly grim and frightening. How did one survive such a test? According to Tony Timpson it was easy; you waited until after lunch and then winkled them out. I couldn't understand the logic of this strategy until lunch time on my first Saturday. Timpo asked whether I had any lunch, I said "no" and was invited into his car. Very good of the skipper, I thought to myself as we sped round to the ham and salad I expected his wife to have prepared. Astonishment scarcely describes my feelings as we walked through the swing doors of the Bush Inn and my elderly, wise captain ordered "Three eights!"

This apparently was the form; all the teams, with the exception of Old Boys

from memory, did it; everybody had three eights unless you were actually not out at lunch when you had three fives. After lunch the spinners ran riot while everybody else snoozed. Great tactics. So my earliest memories of Christchurch cricket associate beer and cricket very closely; I am pleased to report the association has not been parted even if the ancient custom of the lunchtime swill has long since disappeared.

Our rise up the senior table started the following season when Graham Dowling boldly suggested the revolutionary idea that we stop drinking at lunch time. This type of thinking shows the superior intellect provided by a University education and explains why we led the way into new glories. We went even further and had something to eat for lunch; remember the loaf of bread, pound of butter, lettuce, lump of Belgium sausage and tomatoes. All of which we used to slice up with Barter's skinning knife and share around amongst the bachelors.

To look more seriously at the cricket, we have been privileged to have shared games and friendships with so many great players. Early in the sixties the batting was dreadful. Standing head and shoulders above everybody was Brian Hastings. His 1962-3 total of 817 runs established a post war record for Canterbury, the following season he improved this to 873 and his 753 in 1964-5 gave him top club aggregate in Christchurch for the third season in a row. Of all his quite outstanding contributions, which include a century in each innings of a game against Sydenham, I remember most vividly his effort in my first match as captain of the seniors.

We were playing Park and I had decided, long before the match started, that I would put into operation my theory that you bowl on the first morning of the season. Yet Hagley 1 was in perfect order, the outfield was mown short, the day was hot and so, with fear and trepidation, I told Ray Dowker "We'll bat!" That was my biggest worry all day. G. T.D. and Ian Walter had a blazing opening partnership and when Ian went after a fine 70 Brian joined Graham. The score kept mounting, Graham passed 150 and I started to indulge myself in the thought of declaration. At 330/1 I decided to pull in, regretful that Haste would be left 76 not out but mindful of the advantage that had to be pressed home.

I checked with the scorers and, at the start of an over, I think from Bruce Irving, I moved down the St. Albans' stairs to declare. Before I could get there, the over had gone, Haste had his hundred and we pulled in at 361/1. It was a sensational start, made all the more memorable when Neville Huxford chipped out the first four Park batsmen before stumps.

In addition to Brian Hastings we welcomed to Christchurch batsmen of the calibre of John Veitch, Bill Garrod and John Mitchell and later, of course, Colin Blackman who contributed so much in such a short time. Yet none of these

fine players made the impression that Terry Jarvis did. Jarv was the master; he had a theory for every occasion, no match was ever lost no matter how desperate the plight and it came as a huge surprise to see him lose concentration briefly and get out.

Yet Terry Jarvis was an enigma. Sometimes he seemed so bereft of timing that he appeared to be hitting a papier mache ball with a lump of balsa wood. He'd get bogged down, his feet would become leaden and the score would trickle. This was usually in the first innings of a match and it frequently persuaded opposing captains to set declaration targets which must have seemed beyond us but which Jarv, usually with Peter Wallace at the other end, would pass with ridiculous ease. Remember those two consecutive matches at Hagley against Old Boys and Sydenham when, on both occasions, we were last for the whole of the match until the final session when Jarv took command. It all happens at the finishing line!!

The bowling imports were headed by Gary Bartlett and Neville Huxford. We relished Barter's successes, we dropped most of his catches, we agonised over his frustrations with injury and the changing no ball law. His batting was frequently superb, at no time more so than against St. Albans when the last man joined Barters at the crease still 60 runs short of the target and with an hour to play. Gary immediately took charge. Fifty-seven minutes and 58 runs later the last over started. The Number 11, who had yet to contribute to the score, was facing Matt Poore; three runs for victory. One ball later it was all over, St. Albans had won the championship, Barters was left 60 not out and all he could do, as we walked off together, was laugh at me in astonishment that anybody could be so incompetent.

Remember the thief in the pavilion and the hole we drilled in the gear room wall so that someone could watch and catch the blighter. Remember the little boy whose life we saved just after Barters had caught him!

Neville Huxford had the greatest skill in controlling medium paced bowling of anybody I've seen in New Zealand except Dick Motz. He knew what he wanted to do, his approach was carefully thought out and the execution of his strategy was meticulous. Sometimes he would bowl so well that it became boring, beating batsmen by so much they seemed completely out of their depth. He was the only faster bowler I've known who approached his job with the intelligence of a spinner!

Many other players came and went but, in my opinion, the success of the club in the late sixties was owed less to the "Foreign Legion" than it was to the youngsters who came in a rush from the Christchurch schools. Ian Walter, Peter Wallace, David Trist, Chris Kirk, Mike Fisher, Bhiku Bhana and lots of others (my apologies!) all graced our side over these years and provided the talent and stability a winning side needs.

Ian Walter had 86 in his first game; Mike Fisher and Peter Wallace started less grandly but contributed much - Mike for his rare but spectacular brilliance and Pro for his determination and fierce loyalty to the team which led him into many uncompromising situations. He was a skilled, thinking cricketer and who could forget his fabulous catches at first slip? I don't believe I've seen anyone better which is a tribute more to his dedication to practice than to natural talent.

Bhiku Bhana's century against Old Colls and the announcement that he would shout a four and a half (of Coke!) the next day, lingers long as does the smile that crossed his face when he passed three figures. Bhiku complaining about the bruises Dick Motz had provided but having difficulty showing us any of them will be remembered especially by Mike Phillips.

Pal went out to bat in that match against Riccarton when Motz was angry on a dreadful pitch. His gear included every bit of clothing he could find; all the pads, thigh pads and towels that anyone in the team had, and my thigh pad tied round his neck to cover his chest. He batted for half an hour, not once getting to the end that Motz was bowling towards and losing half a stone in the process. A gutsy effort!

David Trist always bowled well, sometimes he bowled brilliantly. Once his father had brought his creams to the ground, someone had lent him a pair of socks and his atrocious boots had been strapped around his feet - he was the most consistent fast bowler we had over the period. I remember, especially fondly, the 7/17 he took against East in the second innings of a game we seemed destined to lose. They were out for 53 and we picked up the 200 odd needed for outright victory with ease.

But the spell which I look back on with vivid memory was the three astonishing overs he bowled to the late Ken Wadsworth on a slow pudding at Ilam and on a stinking hot day. Even that superbly talented player was reduced to a bewildered bunny, nodding his head in acknowledgement of ball after ball which beat him until finally Tristie executed the coup de grace and put him out of his misery.

Chris Kirk batted and bowled with such skill that it seems amazing to suggest that he lacked confidence. Yet I am convinced he did. He seemed to view his talent with disbelief; he bowled absolutely unplayable stuff and yet gave the impression that he couldn't quite understand what was happening. I can think of only two people who gave as much of themselves to the team effort as did Chris; I cannot count the number of times he found himself forced to play a game that was foreign to him. Later in his career I think this affected him and further shook his confidence.

Because of our stars who were often away at higher pursuits we were faced with an unusual number of extras who contributed massively to the whole.

Dave Hicks, Brian and David Hopkins, Graeme Sherlock, Tony Waters, Brian Adams and Brian Patchett, Ralph Byrne, John Phillips, John Forde, Ian Hounsell, Malcolm Roberts, Dave Saunders, Graeme Nottage; I could keep going and still leave many out. Each can look back on spectacular success and consistent team effort.

But I've left two players out of all this because they were not imports and they were scarcely in the young blood category in 1967-8. Graham Dowling was Canterbury captain when I arrived and before long was New Zealand captain. Most seasons he started slowly and later on he was forced to miss many games so he did not make quite the mark of Haste in club cricket. I've recalled his 170 n.o. against Park in the first game of a season but it pales in comparison with his most memorable knock which occurred in the last game of a later season, 1969.

We were playing Riccarton at Elmwood; it was late March and dark; Motzie declared as a formality leaving us 197 for victory in only two hours and against Motz, Kiddey and Nicholson. "Impossible" we all thought and sadly flagged the championship away. But Dowling had other ideas. He was angry and he showed them! He hooked and cut and drove like a man possessed with supreme powers; he hardly made a mistake. He scored 87 in 102 minutes and with Bill Garrod added 100 in an hour. When he was out we had 15 minutes, or rather 4 overs, to score 23 runs and we had an incredible 7 wickets in hand. History records we lost by three runs but it was a truly splendid assault.

I come to Bobby Allen last, probably because of where he consistently found himself in the batting averages. To me Bob epitomises the success of the team. No one worked harder at practice, he arrived early for all matches, his gear was immaculate. He set the highest standards in all aspects of his play. He suffered injury, the disappointment of loss of form and being dropped, once for nearly a whole season, the frustrations of being unable to bat or bowl!!!! Yet not once did his determination falter.

Most of his career was spent up around the stumps to the spinners and he was like a snake striking. His triumphant demand for a stumping must have convinced many a doubting umpire. It is a tribute to RK.'s character and ability that he held the record for wicketkeeping dismissals in Christchurch club cricket for many years.

He symbolises something else too. Like almost all of the seniors through the period, but more than most, Bob played his part in the running of the club. For years he was in charge of gear, he kept the old building at Hagley alive when it threatened to collapse through beer rot, he ran many committees. Others, especially Brian Hastings, Neville Huxford and Graham Dowling did as much; in effect the seniors ran the club and, and I believe, we all profited from this.

Finally the record and a last note of thanks. In my first year as captain, Don Marsdon was selector. I think of our association often, always with real warmth for a man who played his part splendidly. His record shows this.

The last ten years of West- University:

	Championship	Others
1962-3	3rd	
1963-4	2nd	
1964-5	2nd=	Hadlee Trophy
1965-6	3rd=	Hadlee Trophy
1966-7	2nd=	Hadlee Trophy
1967-8	1st	Hadlee Trophy
1968-9	2nd	Hadlee Trophy
1969-70	1st	ANZ Trophy
1970-1	1st	Hadlee Trophy
		ANZ Trophy
1971-2	3rd	ANZ Trophy

P.S. Remember the look on the face of Peter Wallace, the treasurer, the night I ate the A.N.Z. Trophy cheque.

Editor: I cannot leave this section without mention of the importance of Peter's role in the success of the senior team over this period. His immaculate bowling and fielding allied with a confident and aggressive attitude intimidated most opposing batsmen and raised the morale of his own team. Of his many fine achievements I recall in particular his 5/0 against Old Colls in January 1965, when we rolled them in an hour and a half. In the second innings he took 6/38 and enabled us to win the match in one day, a performance which surely must be unique in senior cricket. The press report of the game rather quaintly referred to Peter coming off the field looking more embarrassed than most of his victims. However his best bowling feat occurred four years later in 1969 when again on Hagley I he demolished Old Colls with figures of 8/19 and 8/43 and left us only 62 to win. Initially all seemed set for an easy victory, but then the 4th and 5th wickets fell at 54, another at 55, two at 56 and so it was left to Peter, fuming and rightly annoyed, to score the winning runs. In later years Peter was a highly successful Canterbury selector, has been the local cricket commentator for over 35 years and is now on the Board of NZ Cricket.

## **The Seniors in the Nineties - The "Watershed Years"**

by Stephen Jeffery

When I sat down to pen this review of the Seniors in the 90's and faced with a raft of statistics, score books, annual reports and newspaper items, I struggled to encapsulate an era of the Club's history in which we saw the face of Burnside Senior Cricket change, perhaps forever.

A "watershed" can be loosely described as an important period or factor which serves as a dividing line between one thing and another.

The 90's have seen the Club with its proud record of achievement of excellence, falter to a certain degree, sowing the seeds which have resulted in where the Club finds itself now, relegated from Canterbury Cricket's elite competition for the first time in the Club's history.

It is impossible to identify exactly why this has occurred, but contributing factors such as changing personnel, greater demands on players' time from the amount of cricket required to be played, commitments to family or employment, cricket in general perhaps losing its attractiveness to new players, and changing attitudes towards the efforts required to perform at the highest level, are amongst the few that come to mind.

No one factor can be identified in the drop off in performances or results, therefore a combination of all have culminated in a pretty disappointing end to a decade that promised so much at its' beginning.

The decade commenced with the Club in the middle of a purple patch of results in particular the One Day Cup competition which in its first 14 years had Burnside recording 8 wins, 2 seconds, 2 thirds and 2 fifths. This is a record at that must, at the time, have been the envy of most other Clubs in Canterbury.

The exact details of team and player performances are recorded elsewhere in this Club history, for the record the results were as follows:

1989 - 90	First One Day Competition
1990 - 91	First One Day and Two Day Competition
1991 - 92	First equal in the One Day Competition. Third in the Two Day Competition
1992 - 93	Third in the Two Day Competition
1993 - 94	First One Day Competition
1994 - 95	First One Day Competition. Second in the National Club One Day Competition.

For the rest of the decade, the Senior Trophy cabinet was bare. If however the Canterbury Cricket Association adopted the approach of the IRB, then surely the One Day Cup would be residing permanently at Burnside Park.

The winning formula in cricket can never (or almost never) be the result of one individual's performance or performances. After all it is a team game and not wanting to offend the Canterbury Rugby Union, the Crusaders or DB, a

champion team will always beat a team of champions. Like any team, there are always those characters that stand out, not only because of their deeds in the middle of the park but also off the field as well. These are the people who bring to the game other attributes which contribute to a team's success whether it is their steely determination, dogged refusal to give in or rapier-like wit both on and off the field.

If I was forced to choose one issue or one factor that I consider has contributed to the Club's decline in fortunes, it would be that of the loss of experienced campaigners, going with them a wealth of experience to draw upon and to pass on to younger members of the team.

This decade saw the retirement from Senior cricket Club's stalwarts such as Stephen ('Bateo') Bateman, Andrew ('Hinty') Hintz, Russell ('Hags or Hoggie') Haglund, Stephen ('Hawks') Hawker, Hamish ('Morph') Kember, Andrew ('Stumpy') Sherwood, Gerald ('Sticky') Barrett, Matthew Everest, Grant Dickson and me. Most of these players have had a considerable period of time playing top level cricket both at Club and/or Representative level and it is this experience which I believe was never quite replaced. These were the "Old School" players who fought to gain entry into and to remain in the Club's top side, who saw membership of the Senior Side as a privilege and not as a right, who looked to learn from those more experienced around them in the team when they first were elevated to that level and who gave their all in striving for team success. They also remained in the team for a considerable periods of time providing that necessary element of stability to the side. Compare this with the latter stages of the decade when it was not unusual to have in excess of 20 players turning out for the Seniors in any one year and in any one competition.

One only has to look at the statistics of these individuals to see what a loss to the Senior Side these players were.

The decade was, however, also sprinkled with events that remind us, after all that is said and done, that cricket is only a game and that camaraderie amongst team members can leave lasting memories of the times spent together. Some of these are bizarre, some bewildering, some frustrating and some just outright funny. There are too many of these to mention but there are a few worthy of recollection.

I can remember a game at Ensors Road, Lancaster Park's home ground at the time which for those who are unaware, was situated at the Christchurch Polytechnic's Technical Studies grounds with the pitch sandwiched between the Lyttelton rail-line and the Polytechnic buildings themselves. Hags was facing at the railway (southern end) when he lofted the ball back over the bowler's head for six. This is not a remarkable occurrence in itself, Russell was well known for his ability to bludgeon any attack to any part of the ground.

But on this particular occasion the ball bounced on the asphalt building surrounds through a window, across the classroom, hitting the fire alarm and setting it off and coming to rest on a bench clearly in sight but obviously out of reach. I might perhaps suggest that this may be the first time that a cricket ball had to be recovered by the New Zealand Fire Service!

Then there was the time when we turned up to practise at Burnside Park in order to inspect the No. 1 wicket in advance of our clash against High School Old Boys that weekend. HSOB were boasting at the time that an attack of no less than an R J Hadlee, S Roberts and C Flanagan. You can imagine our horror, when we lifted the covers to find an absolutely green belter staring back at us and with the prospect of facing the Old Boys reasonably accomplished bowling attack(!). We were advised by our groundsman (unnamed here) that we had a better new ball pace attack than they did!!

Following our Cup triumph in the 1994 - 95 season, we earned ourselves a trip to the re-introduced National One Day Cup finals in Auckland. Reports of torrential/cyclonic rain in Auckland (the tournament was held over Anzac weekend) greeted us as we arrived at Christchurch Airport. A "decision" was "made" that play was unlikely the following day and that we should start sampling the sponsors' product, early. Aptly lead by Gerald Barrett, we proceeded to celebrate our Christchurch victory in the knowledge that there was plenty of time to recover before play would begin the following day (if at all). As the fog lifted from both Cornwall Park and our minds, we arrived to find that Plan B was in place, play was to commence on time, on artificial wickets, a common occurrence in Auckland we subsequently found out. For the record however and despite our slow start to the first morning, we reached the final and were beaten by Grafton by 26 runs. Interestingly enough this was Richard Irving's team, Richard having captained the Seniors prior to Christmas. Andrew Sherwood was declared the batsman of the tournament and it was our first exposure to a less demonstrative 'Billy' Bowden, who was one of those officiating.

At times we reputedly fielded the biggest slip cordon seen in Christchurch Club Cricket history. Jeffery at first slip, Haglund at second, Dickson at third, Bateman at fourth, Kember at first gully and Sherwood at second (weights withheld on request).

There was what must be described as the slowest, lowest scoring One Day Cup Final ever in 1993 - 94. East Shirley, at home, were restricted to 106 all out on a difficult batting wicket. The record books will show that Burnside won by four wickets, but the bare statistics will not show that it was the third last ball, when the winning run was scored.

Finally, picture this scenario. We were playing High School Old Boys on Hagley 3. On the first day things were very even with Burnside likely having

to chase in the fourth innings on an increasingly turning pitch. Paul Hartland, the Old Boys captain, was hit in the face by a ball at practice during the week between the two day play requiring hospitalization and surgery to lift a cheek bone off his brain. An enquiry was made of Russell Haglund who was captaining the team at the time, if Hartland could be replaced for the next day's play. All was agreed and we expected a like replacement player, ie a batsman for a batsman. Then Dayle Hadlee turns up with his bowling boots on. After much consternation, name calling and stand offs, we refused to allow Hadlee to bowl and in return Old Boys promptly batted for most of the second day. No surprise that there was no result in this game.

The characters and the incidents make up fond memories for the Seniors during this period and unfortunately with these players moving on to other pursuits, the game at Burnside is so much poorer.

The Seniors in the 90's, very much "The Watershed Years".

### **The Presidents Grade**

In June 1947 Ivan Baxter, chairman of the competitions subcommittee of the CCA brought forward a recommendation that a grade to be known as the "Presidents" be included for the 1947-48 season. This grade was to be for the older type of player who desired to play one day cricket.

Life member John Thompson with 20 years playing experience from the 1960's and Bryce McKenzie, a club member for 30 years with the last ten years in the President's grade join forces to recall their playing experiences.

Over the years players in this grade have come from all walks of life, but in the main they could be described as the "has beens", players who have passed through the grades down from Seniors to Presidents. Then there are the "could have beens", who, through choice had chosen to play one day cricket, but whose abilities could have destined them for greater things, while most importantly there are the "could never had beens". These were members who were prepared to bat in any position depending on the situation, or who conversely might be given the final over of the day when the opposition were none for 200. There are also the "runner beans" those fine persons who are always given the task of fielding in the covers or mid-wicket where leather chasing abounds.

Rules for this grade are spoken, rather than written --- snicks you walk, LBW's not out, the umpires being all too shortsighted to make fair and accurate adjudications on such a meaningless method of enforced retirement.

Some of the more colourful personnel seen to don the whites include Chattel Hayes and Frank Hill, both playing into their 70's. Bill Galbraith- his name will always be remembered --- two consecutive hundreds and an LBW decision on 99 appealed for by cover point and given out by John Pask, better known for

his rugby prowess.

Vincent Orange, a doughty character, once figured in an opening partnership of 100 and his contribution was a finely placed glide between first and second slip for 1.

Vincent played for over 13 years in the grade and recalls that "a President's grade side in the 1960's could have been chosen that would have been a handful for any senior side in batting and bowling, but the fielding however would have been rather weak. Another great memory of those days was the friendly interest which real cricketers, such as Dowling, Hastings, Sharp, and Hopkins always took in our doings. The very presence of men of that ability in the grade from time to time was a real inspiration, and to watch while fielding or umpiring players of the quality of Zin Harris or Noel McGregor was an education. Certainly President's grade blended together the first class and the third rate very successfully in my day and I hope very much that the flow of real cricketers of mature years into President's sides is still going on."

Vince found captaincy a delight and his report written in 1966 could well apply almost 40 years later. "There can be few more garrulous teams. All matches are played against an endless hubbub of advice, abuse, complaint, demands to bowl or bat or leave, moans about fielding, umpiring, scoring, bright repartee, hair raising crudities and endless reminiscences about past triumphs. And yet, behind the noise there is a real team spirit and a genuine enthusiasm for the game in spite of the shabby gear we used, much poorer than that used by any of our opponents. It is clearly in the club's interest to foster this enthusiasm. We pay our subs and contribute willingly to the success of pavilion functions, attending them rather more regularly than most club members".

Bryce McKenzie writes that "the history of Burnside West Cricket would not be complete without mention of the contributions of players such as Dave Fox (Foxy) and Eric White. Incredibly as it may seem Dave has been playing Presidents Grade since 1973 and whilst his appearances may be few these days, he can still make his presence felt. Eric continues to take wickets with his wonderful command of line and length. He now has over 1500 wickets in his career and has made more than 300 President grade appearances. Arthur Grayburn another exponent of slow spin has also taken many wickets, probably more if he had been able to play away from the artificial wickets on Hospital corner where his bounce would often cleared the stumps. Other President centurions are John Gilson, Robbie Chisholm, Bryce McKenzie, Bobby Shorter and Murray Jones.

Nowadays the Presidents grade is for players over 35 years of age, played over 40 overs with a maximum of 8 overs per bowler. Up until recently it was for over 40's and a maximum of 10 overs. All that means is as we get older,

opposition gets younger!

Some of us have had the privilege to witness hat tricks by Murray Jones and Bobby Shorter and centuries in more recent years by Brian Hastings, Murray Jones, Robbie Chisholm, Bryce McKenzie and Grant Dickson. Other more or less, depending on your point of view, memorable performances included Robbie Chisholm being given out lbw by Shane Young when struck on the nose and Gavin Barclay taking a high catch with his trousers around his ankles.

Not many things are certain with the team but uncertainty is the charm. Who will play this week, will we start on time, how many catches will be dropped, which bowler will get clobbered this week, and really clobbered?

A Presidents match in 2003-04 highlights the vagaries of cricket. BWU played St Albans Gold on Hagley 6 and their openers put on 160 smashing us to all parts of the ground, at this point averaging virtually 8 an over. One opener felt sorry for us and retired on 71. This only sparked some of our more competitive players into action and shortly afterwards we dismissed the other opener on 99. We managed to pull things back and eventually they finished up on 263/8. Needless to say in chasing 264 to win, no batsmen would be retiring. The chase commenced. 92 was put on for the first wicket between Dennis Pyatt and Bryce McKenzie and another 80 was added for the 2nd wicket between Bryce and Peter Hewson. With the contributions from Dennis 62, Bryce 62, Peter 42 and a very quick as usual 36 from Bobby Shorter it all came down to the last over needing 8 to win.

We scrambled 6 from the first 5 balls. Needing 2 to win off the last ball, Tim Carrell sprinted to the other end and made it only as he could have and we tied the game. We had come back from the dead and it felt like a win. Needless to say they were deflated.

Massive contributions on and off the field from ex skippers such as Foxy, Chris Cunninghame, Eric White, Robbie Chisholm, Bryce McKenzie and Dennis Rea have reaffirmed the clubs "senior side" as providing the backbone to another era in the history of cricket at BWCUC.

## Club Records

*Compiled by Brian Adams and Tony Feeley*

### Club Officers

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Club Captain</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
1905-06	Dr Nedwell	FH Labatt	C Louisson	J Mullin
1906-07	Dr Nedwell	FH Labatt	C Louisson	E Boulton
1907-08	Dr Nedwell	D Reese	JF Peake	FH Labatt
1908-09	Dr Nedwell	D Reese	PN Rundle	HS Barns
1909-10	Dr Nedwell	HB Lusk	TA Murphy	HS Barns
1910-11	Dr Nedwell	HB Lusk	TA Murphy	HS Barns
1911-12	Dr Nedwell	E Jenkins	TA Murphy	HS Barns
1912-13	Dr Westenra	AT Donnelly	TA Murphy	FG Jolly
1913-14	Dr Westenra	AT Donnelly	TA Murphy	J Barron
1914-15	Dr Westenra	AT Donnelly	TA Murphy	J Barron
1915-16	Dr Westenra	AT Donnelly	GR Francis	WB Thomas
1916-17	Dr Westenra			A Dey
1917-18	GE Blanch			A Dey
1918-19	GE Blanch			A Dey
1919-20	GE Blanch	HA Butters	GE Talbot	A Dey
1920-21	GH Helmore		AG Cameron	A Dey
1921-22	GT Weston	RC Blunt	AG Cameron	WJ Hamilton
1922-23	D Redpath	RC Blunt	AG Cameron	WJ Hamilton
1923-24	D Redpath	RC Blunt	AG Cameron	WJ Hamilton
1924-25	D Redpath	RC Blunt	AG Cameron	AR Henderson
1925-26	D Reese	LA Charles	AG Cameron	FR Jarrett
1926-27	D Reese	RH Booth	AG Cameron	TR Condliffe
1927-28	D Reese	RH Booth	AG Cameron	TR Condliffe
1928-29	D Reese	FA Jarrett	AG Cameron	R Sunley
1929-30	D Reese	TR Condliffe	FP Hill	HO Jefcoate
1930-31	D Reese	JL Kerr	JF Peake	FP Hill
1931-32	D Reese	M Ward	JF Peake	F Ainger
1932-33	AT Donnelly	M Ward	JF Peake	JL Kerr
1933-34	AT Donnelly	JL Kerr	JF Peake	FP Hill
1934-35	AT Donnelly	RW Hope	JF Peake	JFA Fox
1935-36	DE Wanklyn	J Burton	TW Shirley	JFA Fox
1936-37	DE Wanklyn	J Burton	W Goss	JFA Fox
1937-38	DE Wanklyn	TW Shirley	W Goss	M Johnston
1938-39	DE Wanklyn	TW Shirley	EM Hay	M Johnston
1939-40	DE Wanklyn	TW Shirley	JL Rumbold	M Johnston

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1940-41	DE Wanklyn	AC Brown	JL Rumbold	M Johnston
1941-42	DE Wanklyn	J Nee	GJ Howden	DT Ager
1942-43	DE Wanklyn		GJ Howden	DT Ager
1943-44	DE Wanklyn	R Nixon	GJ Howden	DT Ager
1944-45	DE Wanklyn			
1945-46	EE Luttrell			
1946-47	EE Luttrell			
1947-48	EE Luttrell	M Johnston	R Meads	N Brownlie
1948-49	EE Luttrell	W Burton	LW Smith	N Brownlie
1949-50	EE Luttrell	P Arnold	ESF Holland	AV Belsten
1950-51	TR Condliffe	RWG Emery	DL Jones	AV Belsten
1951-52	TR Condliffe	LG Densem	JS Barwick	MG Tindall
1952-53	TR Condliffe	LW Smith	JS Barwick	BE Kennedy
		GJ Howden		
1953-54	EM Hay	RW Edgley	JS Barwick	AG Hudson
1954-55	EM Hay	SC Guillen	PR Christensen	AG Hudson
1955-56	EM Hay	JS Barwick	AN Spence	AG Hudson
			JS Patrick	
1956-57	EM Hay	JS Barwick	JS Patrick	AG Hudson
	JL Kerr	B Sullivan		
1957-58	JL Kerr	FG Hobbs	R Coleman	AG Hudson
1958-59	JL Kerr	FG Hobbs	RL Kerr	AG Hudson
1959-60	JL Kerr	FG Hobbs	AS Rae	G Ainsley
1960-61	JL Kerr	FG Hobbs	AS Rae	B Thompson
1961-62	JL Kerr	FG Hobbs	AS Rae	FG Hobbs
1962-63	JL Kerr	DN Lawson	AS Rae	GT Dowling
1963-64	JL Kerr	DN Lawson	AS Rae	GT Dowling
1964-65	JL Kerr	DN Lawson	AG Elliott	GT Dowling
1965-66	JL Kerr	RK Allen	AG Elliott	JL Sturge
1966-67	JL Kerr	ARG Byrne	JR Mills	JL Sturge
1967-68	JL Kerr	ID Hounsell	JR Mills	GB Wain
1968-69	JL Kerr	NA Huxford	IM Walter	GB Wain
			JA McRae	
1969-70	JL Kerr	NA Huxford	JA McRae	PE Wallace
				B Davis
1970-71	JL Kerr	BC Adams	JA McRae	B Davis
1971-72	JL Kerr	AR Alty	NA Johnstone	B Davis
				GR Sherlock
1972-73	GT Dowling	D Williamson	NA Johnstone	D Hooper
			WR McLean	

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Club Captain</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
1973-74	GT Dowling	D Williamson	WR McLean	BC Adams
1974-75	GT Dowling	D Williamson	WR McLean	BC Adams
1975-76	GT Dowling	AR Alty	AM Boa	B Davis
1976-77	GT Dowling	AR Alty	AM Boa	B Davis
1977-78	GT Dowling	AR Alty	AM Boa	A Westwood
		WR McLean		
1978-79	GT Dowling	WR McLean	MJ Dolden	A Westwood
1979-80	BC Adams	B Cummings	M Turner	RG Hintz
1980-81	BC Adams	B Cummings	M Turner	RG Hintz
1981-82	D Williamson	B Cummings	M Turner	RG Hintz
1982-83	D Williamson	W Fletcher	M Turner	D King
1983-84	JF Thompson	KI Collins	P Beatson	P O'Grady
1984-85	JF Thompson	KI Collins	AJ Feely	P O'Grady
1985-86	AR Alty	B McKenzie	AJ Feely	P O'Grady
1986-87	G Thomson	B McKenzie	AJ Feely	P O'Grady
1987-88	J Olliver	R Burgess	AJ Feely	P O'Grady
1988-89	J Olliver	R Burgess	S O'Bryne	P O'Grady
1989-90	RG Hintz	R Burgess	S O'Bryne	P O'Grady
1990-91	RG Hintz	R Burgess	AE Grayburn	B McKenzie
1991-92	P O'Grady	R Burgess	AE Grayburn	B McKenzie
1992-93	P O'Grady	R Burgess	AE Grayburn	E Higgs
1993-94	P O'Grady	R Burgess	AJ Feeley	E Higgs
1994-95	P O'Grady	C Kerr	T Hawker	E Higgs
1995-96	R Burgess	S Parkman	D Rea	G Norquay
1996-97	R Burgess	S Packman	D Rea	G Norquay
1997-98	R Burgess		D Rea	P McGirr
1998-99	R Burgess		D Biddick	P McGirr
1999-00	R Burgess		D Biddick	P McGirr
2000-01	R Burgess		D Biddick	P McGirr
2001-02	C Blackman		D Biddick	P O'Grady
2002-03	C Blackman		D Biddick	M Shackleton
2003-04	BF Hastings		A Scott	M Shackleton
2004-05	BF Hastings		A Scott	M Shackleton

#### **Patrons**

1906-07	Canon Hare	1961-62	Prof FLlewellyn
1907-34	Sir H Wigram	1962-66	Dr LL Pownall
1934-35	Lady Wigram	1966-77	Prof NC Phillips
1935-54	Sir AT Donnelly	1977-05	JL Kerr
1954-61	WS MacGibbon		

## Club Trophies

### *WS MacGibbon Trophy*

1955-56	A Hudson/JS Barwick
1957-58	J Hudson
1959-60	W Cherry
1961-62	BH Hopkins
1963-64	KD Cockburn
1965-66	DC Hopkins
1967-68	JR Mills
1969-70	NA Huxford
1971-72	AR Alty
1973-74	KD Cockburn
1975-76	P Smith
1977-78	AJ Farrant
1979-80	BJ Cummings
1981-82	EE White
1983-84	KI Collins
1985-86	GL Thompson
1987-88	RE Harwood
1989-90	RA Brown
1991-92	TE Hawker
1993-94	AS Button
1995-96	GT Barrett
1997-98	P Burke
1999-00	C Fussell
2001-02	R Brown
2003-04	AJ Feely

### *Best All round Club Member*

1956-57	J Hudson
1958-59	B Kennedy/N Marsh
1960-61	AS Rae
1962-63	RK Allen
1964-65	BF Hastings
1966-67	PA Sharp
1968-69	AC Brown
1970-71	J McRae
1972-73	DA Youl
1974-75	B Adams/WR McLean
1976-77	AM Boa
1978-79	G Thompson
1980-81	RG Hintz/D Jack
1982-83	KI Collins
1984-85	GK Howden
1986-87	R Burgess
1988-89	RA Brown
1990-91	BJ McKenzie
1992-93	BJ McKenzie
1994-95	GK Howden
1996-97	D Biddick
1998-99	T Saunders
2000-01	R Clarke
2002-03	AJ Taggart

### *WS McKibbin Trophy*

### *Best Club Bowler*

Trophy donated by Mr VJ McKibbin to honour the memory of his son WS McKibbin who died in the Ballantynes fire 1947.

1948-49	JS Patrick	49 wkts	1949-50	RD Smith	55 wkts
1950-51	PJ Donnelly	21 wkts	1951-52	RM Stewart	35 wkts
1952-53	W McK Duncan	21 wkts	1953-54	C Carston	31 wkts
1954-55	W Bridgeman	35 wkts	1955-56	G Gearry	32 wkts
1956-57	JB Park	31 wkts	1957-58		
1958-59	GD Abbott	20 wkts	1959-60	M Beban	33 wkts
1960-61	BH Hopkins	44 wkts	1961-62	AC Timpson	51 wkts
1962-63	AS Rae	44 wkts	1963-64	PA Sharp	60 wkts
1964-65	W Cherry	84 wkts	1965-66	GA Bartlett	49 wkts

1966-67	CM Kirk	33 wkts	1967-68	CM Kirk	44 wkts
1968-69	PA Sharp	53 wkts	1969-70	J Walker	79 wkts
1970-71	J Walker	68 wkts	1971-72	CM Kirk	61 wkts
1972-73	KD Cockburn	62 wkts	1973-74	CM Kirk	56 wkts
1974-75	DG Trist	33 wkts	1975-76	R Airns	50 wkts
1976-77	SN Bateman	40 wkts	1977-78	KPJ Williams	40 wkts
1978-79	G Ash	43 wkts	1979-80	AJ Farrant	40 wkts
1980-81	AJ Farrant	44 wkts	1981-82	AJ Farrant	45 wkts
1982-83	AJ Farrant	50 wkts	1983-84	SN Bateman	39 wkts
1984-85	SJ Hawker	40 wkts	1985-86	AJ Hintz	38 wkts
1986-87	GC Holdem	37 wkts	1987-88	SN Bateman	51 wkts
1988-89	PJ Kearny	65 wkts	1989-90	RA Brown	51 wkts
1990-91	D Philpott	72 wkts	1991-92	PJ Carrington	55 wkts
1992-93	GD Wright	51 wkts	1993-94	GC White	43 wkts
1994-95	HJ Kember	52 wkts	1995-96	HJ Kember	41 wkts
1996-97	HJ Kember	55 wkts	1997-98	R Harvey	43 wkts
1998-99	C Ogilvie	38 wkts	1999-00	S Inglis	25 wkts
2000-01	S Carey	38 wkts	2001-02	S Delabarca	41 wkts
2002-03	P Johnston		2003-04	P Shackleton	49 wkts

#### *JM McEwan Trophy*

1965-66	DC Hopkins
1967-68	PW Wallace
1969-70	GR Sherlock
1971-72	AM Boa
1973-74	K Jelley
1975-76	R Wilson
1977-78	GI Cummins
1979-80	W Averill
1981-82	DJ Boyle
1983-84	SA Jeffery
1985-86	PW Woodhouse
1987-88	TE Hawker
1989-90	SR Cant
1991-92	MD Hawke
1993-94	SA Blackman
1995-96	A McFedries
1997-98	C Ogilvie
1999-00	A Taggart/A Marshall
2001-02	J Biddick
2003-04	M Harding

#### *Most Improved Player Under 21*

1966-67	IM Walter
1968-69	MA Fisher
1970-71	M Calder
1972-73	GH Lindup
1974-75	KI Collins
1976-77	J Mackie
1978-79	JG Boyle
1980-81	JG Boyle
1982-83	AJ Hintz
1984-85	MR O'Donnell
1986-87	R Penney
1988-89	P Kearney/C Grant
1990-91	GT Barrett
1992-93	D Fazio
1994-95	D Van Der Looy
1996-97	K Nuttall
1998-99	M Coster/R McHarg
2000-01	A Hedges
2002-03	M Rea

*JL Kerr Bat*

1973-74	R Hickford	436 runs
1975-76	WJ Mitchell	640 runs
1977-78	BD Thomas	474 runs
1979-80	D King	691 runs
1981-82	WJ Mitchell	496 runs
1983-84	BJ McKenzie	630 runs
1985-86	DG Farrant	732 runs
1987-88	DG Farrant	834 runs
1989-90	SA Jeffery	750 runs
1991-92	SA Jeffery	625 runs
1993-94	WM Noon	772 runs
1995-96	WM Noon	443 runs
1997-98	M Everest	447 runs
1999-00	R Dixon	519 runs
2001-02	C Ogilvie	395 runs
2003-04	D Harrison	423 runs

*Best Batting Performance*

1974-75	DS Williams	366 runs
1976-77	JN Edmondson	692 runs
1978-79	WJ Mitchell	579 runs
1980-81	PE Wallace	508 runs
1982-83	DJ Boyle	547 runs
1984-85	DJ Boyle	733 runs
1986-87	DJ Boyle	655 runs
1988-89	GT Barrett	569 runs
1990-91	SA Jeffery	1043 runs
1992-93	SA Jeffery	757 runs
1994-95	A Sherwood	803 runs
1996-97	M Hastings	540 runs
1998-99	C Ogilvie	576 runs
2000-01	M Hastings	510 runs
2002-03	G Summers	569 runs

*Ralph Byrne Cup*

1980-81	K Dawson
1982-83	P Batchelor
1984-85	G Barkle
1986-87	B Cummings
1988-89	W Averill
1990-91	S McKenzie
1992-93	R Chisholm
1994-95	G Turner
1996-97	B McKenzie
1998-99	B McKenzie
2000-01	A Carrara
2002-03	D Broadfoot

*Best batting afternoon grade*

1981-82	K Dawson
1983-84	J Edmundson
1985-86	
1987-88	K Marks
1989-90	K Marks
1991-92	K Marks
1993-94	M Jones
1995-96	G Turner
1997-98	B McKenzie
1999-00	B McKenzie
2001-02	B McKenzie
2003-04	B McKenzie

*Ralph Byrne Trophy*

1980-81	G Ash
1982-83	G Ash
1984-85	J Van Dijk
1986-87	J Van Dijk
1988-89	G Quinn
1990-91	M Brady
1992-93	B Chapman
1994-95	M Penman

*Best bowling Afternoon grade*

1981-82	G Ash
1983-84	J Van Wyk
1985-86	
1987-88	J Van Dijk
1989-90	J Van Dijk
1991-92	N Wright
1993-94	B Shorter
1995-96	S Hawker

1996-97	M Keen	1997-98	E White
1998-99	E White	1999-00	B Shorter/J Brent
2000-01	E White	2001-02	E White
2002-03	M Mace	2003-04	S Taylor

*The Jubilee Award*

1980-81	R Harwood
1982-83	M Shardlow
1984-85	R Hickford
1986-87	G Holdem
1988-89	P Kearney
1990-91	D Philpott
1992-93	G Wright
1994-95	H Kember
1996-97	H Kember
1998-99	C Ogilvie
2000-01	S Carey
2002-03	M Mace

*Most wickets in a season*

1981-82	R Kinsey
1983-84	S Bateman
1985-86	AJ Hintz
1987-88	S Bateman
1989-90	R Brown
1991-92	P Carrington
1993-94	G White/N Wright
1995-96	H Kember
1997-98	R Harvey
1999-00	S Inglis
2001-02	S Delabarca
2003-04	P Shackleton

*Russ McLean Trophy*

1980-81	C Kennedy	126*
1982-83	D King	130
1984-85	G Turner	123
1986-87	G Dickson	131*
1988-89	C Kennedy	143
1990-91	M Hastings	187*
1992-93	P Dominikovich	146*
1994-95	R Scott	162
1996-97	M Hastings	101
1998-99	G Turner	166
2000-01	J Rea	153*
2002-03	D Broadfoot	140

*Highest score*

1981-82	W Fletcher	121*
1983-84	J Edmundson	178
1985-86	D Farrant	150*
1987-88	A Sherwood	152
1989-90	K Marks	146
1991-92	C Bromley	165
1993-94	C Cornish	153*
1995-96	S Jeffery	126
1997-98	G Dickson	134
1999-00	R Dixon	161
2001-02	D Broadfoot	139
2003-04	E McDonald	191

*JS Patrick Trophy*

1980-81	E White
1982-83	
1984-85	
1986-87	G Holdem
1988-89	R Brown
1990-91	H Kember
1992-93	S Blackman

*Best spin bowler*

1981-82	
1983-84	C Marks
1985-86	
1987-88	G Holdem
1989-90	R Brown
1991-92	H Kember
1993-94	H Kember

1994-95 H Kember  
 1996-97 H Kember  
 1998-99 E White  
 2000-01 E White  
 2002-03 E White

1995-96 H Kember  
 1997-98 R Harvey  
 1999-00 G Dickson  
 2001-02 E White  
 2003-04 P Shackleton

*AL Brown Trophy*

1980-81 J Edmundson  
 1982-83 D King  
 1984-85 D Hooper  
 1986-87 B Cummings  
 1988-89 C Kennedy  
 1990-91 S Jeffery  
 1992-93 G Wright  
 1994-95 A Sherwood  
 1996-97 H Kember  
 1998-99 C Ogilvie  
 2000-01 A Carrara  
 2002-03 D Broadfoot

*Best all round playing performance*

1981-82 G Ash  
 1983-84 J Edmundson  
 1985-86 M Robertson  
 1987-88 D Farrant  
 1989-90 R Brown/K Marks  
 1991-92 P Carrington  
 1993-94 W Noon  
 1995-96 A Lennard  
 1997-98 B McKenzie  
 1999-00 G Dickson  
 2001-02 D Broadfoot  
 2003-04 Z Sutton

*D Hooper Trophy*

1982-83 D King  
 1984-85 D Boyle  
 1986-87 B Cummings  
 1988-89 J Preston  
 1990-91 S Jeffery  
 1992-93 S Jeffery  
 1994-95 A Sherwood  
 1996-97 B McKenzie  
 1998-99 C Ogilvie  
 2000-01 A Carrara  
 2002-03 D Broadfoot

*Most runs in a season*

1983-84 B McKenzie  
 1985-86 D Farrant  
 1987-88 D Farrant  
 1989-90 S Jeffery  
 1991-92 S Jeffery  
 1993-94 W Noon  
 1995-96 W Noon  
 1997-98 B McKenzie  
 1999-00 R Dixon  
 2001-02 B McKenzie  
 2003-04 B McKenzie

*Gerard Cross Trophy*

1979-80 DG Farrant  
 1981-82 KI Collins  
 1983-84 DJ Boyle  
 1985-86 DG Farrant  
 1987-88 AB Sherwood/GJ Dickson  
 1989-90 GJ Dickson  
 1991-92 AB Sherwood

*Trophy for senior fielding*

1980-81 PE Wallace  
 1982-83 AJ Farrant  
 1984-85 DJ Boyle  
 1986-87 DG Farrant  
 1988-89 JP Preston  
 1990-91 WM Noon  
 1992-93 RJR Irving

1993-94 RW Haglund  
 1995-96 SM Packman  
 1997-98 GC White  
 1999-00 M Coster  
 2001-02 G White  
 2003-04 JD Rea

1994-95 AR Hickford  
 1996-97 A McFredries  
 1998-99 C Ogilvie  
 2000-01 JD Rea  
 2002-03 LW Churchill

*G Howden Trophy*

1988-89 P Welsh  
 1990-91 C Kerr  
 1992-93 P Dominikovich  
 1994-95 J Kouloubraakis  
 1996-97 D Maxwell  
 1998-99 I McAlavey  
 2000-01 L O'Toole  
 2002-03 G Keast

*Best fielder in 2nd grade*

1989-90 C Kennedy  
 1991-92 S Packman  
 1993-94 A Condon  
 1995/96 C Grant  
 1997-98 D Harrison  
 1999-00 J Butler  
 2001-02 M Barlow  
 2003-04 D Maxwell

**Club Records Two Day Cricket**

*Highest Team Total*

535 v St Albans 1915-16

508 v Riccarton 1923-24

*Lowest Team Total*

19 v Sydenham 1910-11

21 v LPWoolston 2001-02

27 v Lancaster Park 1935-36

*Most Appearances*

189 JS Patrick  
 155 PE Wallace  
 151 JL Kerr  
 148 DT Ager  
 147 BF Hastings  
 140 GN Garry

128 KI Collins  
 127 WH Hayes  
 123 GT Dowling  
 122 PA Sharp  
 114 RW Haglund  
 110 SN Bateman

*Most Runs*

8415 JL Kerr  
 7481 BF Hastings  
 5581 GN Garry  
 5178 RC Blunt  
 5001 GT Dowling  
 4718 PE Wallace

4624 D Reese  
 4304 HB Lusk  
 4225 SA Jeffery  
 4161 RW Haglund  
 4100 DT Ager  
 3990 DJ Boyle

*Most Centuries*

20	JL Kerr	10	GN Gearry
16	RC Blunt	9	KFM Uttley
13	BF Hastings	6	MP Donnelly
11	D Reese	5	GT Dowling
10	HB Lusk	5	RWG Emery

*500 runs in a season 450 runs from 1988-89*

1905-06	A Sims	592	1906-07	HB Lusk	590
1907-08	HB Lusk	514	1907-08	D Reese	572
1911-12	HB Lusk	530	1912-13	D Reese	686
1915-16	HB Lusk	761	1916-17	HC Watson	512
1917-18	HC Watson	553	1918-19	RC Blunt	516
1919-20	R Worker	609	1920-21	RC Blunt	624
1921-22	RC Blunt	572	1922-23	RC Blunt	621
1923-24	RC Blunt	895	1924-25	RC Blunt	1071
1927-28	WH Hayes	531	1927-28	LA Haynes	545
1929-30	JL Kerr	601	1930-31	JL Kerr	593
1932-33	GR Gregory	537	1933-34	HD Smith	507
1933-34	JL Kerr	571	1934-35	GR Gregory	530
1936-37	JL Kerr	560	1937-38	J Burton	530
1938-39	MP Donnelly	746	1938-39	JL Kerr	639
1940-41	MP Donnelly	901	1940-41	KFM Uttley	547
1941-42	KFM Uttley	800	1942-43	KFM Uttley	747
1943-44	KFM Uttley	616	1948-49	P Arnold	708
1948-49	GN Gearry	501	1949-50	RWG Emery	610
1950-51	RWG Emery	610	1951-52	RWG Emery	743
1953-54	SC Guillen	549	1954-55	SC Guillen	540
1957-58	GN Gearry	514	1958-59	GN Gearry	723
1962-63	BF Hastings	817	1963-64	BF Hastings	873
1964-65	BF Hastings	753	1967-68	BF Hastings	536
1969-70	TW Jarvis	520	1971-72	BK Bhana	569
1972-73	BF Hastings	547	1975-76	WJ Mitchell	640
1977-78	OC Blackman	548	1977-78	PE Wallace	526
1977-78	WJ Mitchell	523	1978-79	WJ Mitchell	579
1980-81	PE Wallace	508	1980-81	JG Boyle	502
1982-83	DJ Boyle	547	1984-85	DJ Boyle	733
1984-85	MR O'Donnell	628	1984-85	DR Cusack	617
1984-85	RW Haglund	612	1984-85	DG Farrant	529
1985-86	DG Farrant	732	1985-86	DR Cusack	552
1986-87	RW Haglund	642	1986-87	DG Farrant	531

1986-87	DJ Boyle	655	1987-88	RW Haglund	753
1987-88	DG Farrant	834	1988-89	JP Preston	465
1988-89	DJ Boyle	456	1989-90	SA Jeffery	546
1990-91	SA Jeffery	782	1991-92	SA Jeffery	524
1991-92	MA Hastings	453	1992-93	SA Jeffery	508
2000-01	MA Hastings	453			

### *Highest Scores*

334*	HB Lusk	1915-16	174	KFM Uttley	1943-44
266	RC Blunt	1923-24	168	PW Arnold	1948-49
220*	RWG Emery	1951-52	166*	RWG Emery	1953-54
209	D Reese	1912-13	166*	GN Gearry	1953-54
200*	HB Lusk	1906-07	160	D Reese	1907-08
200	RC Blunt	1924-25	160	RC Blunt	1924-25
189	PS Foster	1917-18	157	D Reese	1909-10
187	RC Blunt	1918-19	157	D Reese	1912-13
184	A Sims	1905-06	153*	JL Kerr	1933-34
184	RC Blunt	1924-25	153	JL Kerr	1936-37
180	D Reese	1913-14	153	BF Hastings	1963-64
180*	T Kennedy	1938-39	151	HD Smith	1933-34
179*	SC Guillen	1954-55	151	RWG Emery	1950-51
179*	GT Dowling	1967-68	151	HC Watson	1918-19
174*	MP Donnelly	1938-39	150	RC Blunt	1920-21
174*	MA Fisher	1971-72	150	DG Farrant	1985-86

### *Centuries in a Season*

6	RC Blunt	1924-25	3	JL Kerr	1933-34
4	JL Kerr	1938-39		HD Smith	1933-34
4	BF Hastings	1962-63		MP Donnelly	1938-39
3	D Reese	1907-08		KFH Uttley	1941-42
	HB Lusk	1915-16		KFH Uttley	1943-44
	RD Worker	1919-20		GN Gearry	1958-59
	RC Blunt	1921-22		BF Hastings	1963-64
	JL Kerr	1931-32		SA Jeffery	1990-91

### *Two Centuries in a Match*

1962-63 BF Hastings v Sydenham 130, 129

### *Record Partnerships*

P Arnold and LW Smith	247 in 150 minutes	v St Albans	1948-49
RWG Emery and BE Kennedy	240 in 260 minutes	v East	1950-51

GT Dowling and IB Walter	188 in 146 minutes	v Lancaster Park	1967-68
SA Jeffery and GT Barrett	187 in 139 minutes	v Riccarton	1992-93
GT Dowling and BF Hastings	173 in 84 minutes	v Lancaster Park	1967-68

*40 Wickets in a season*

*35 wickets from 1988-89*

1905-06	TJ Malone	49	1906-07	TJ Malone	55
1907-08	D Reese	66	1908-09	TJ Malone	55
1908-09	D Reese	45	1911-12	D Reese	54
1912-13	D Reese	41	1916-17	D Reese	47
1921-22	WH Hayes	44	1922-23	WH Hayes	41
1925-26	JL Findlay	44	1930-31	RJS Bean	41
1933-34	RW Hope	43	1940-41	M Johnston	42
1947-48	JF Booker	46	1948-49	JS Patrick	49
1950-51	JS Patrick	41	1955-56	WB Bridgeman	47
1957-58	PJ Low	40	1960-61	BH Hopkins	44
1961-62	AC Timpson	51	1962-63	AC Timpson	41
1962-63	BH Hopkins	40	1963-64	PA Sharp	60
1964-65	PA Sharp	51	1964-65	AC Timpson	51
1965-66	PA Sharp	47	1965-66	GA Bartlett	49
1967-68	CM Kirk	44	1967-68	DG Trist	42
1967-68	PA Sharp	40	1967-68	NA Huxford	40
1968-69	PA Sharp	53	1969-70	CM Kirk	51
1969-70	PA Sharp	48	1970-71	PA Sharp	62
1971-72	CM Kirk	61	1971-72	PA Sharp	41
1972-73	CM Kirk	65	1973-74	CM Kirk	56
1976-77	SN Bateman	40	1977-78	SN Bateman	40
1977-78	KPJ Williams	40	1970-80	AJ Farrant	40
1980-81	AJ Farrant	44	1981-82	AJ Farrant	45
1982-83	AJ Farrant	50	1982-83	SN Bateman	40
1983-84	AJ Farrant	46	1987-88	SN Bateman	51
1987-88	SJ Hawker	40	1988-89	SJ Hawker	35
1990-91	SJ Hawker	38			

*Most Wickets*

549	PA Sharp	259	MA Hastings
423	D Reese	250	AC Timpson
409	CM Kirk	243	AJ Farrant
370	SN Bateman	240	DG Trist
335	JS Patrick	232	TJ Malone
275	HJ Kember	232	AJ Hintz

### *Most Wickets in a Match*

16/62	PA Sharp	v Old Collegians	1968-69
16/64	CM Kirk	v Old Collegians	1971-72
15/99	HJ Kember	v St Albans	1996-97
14/111	CM Kirk	v Sydenham	1972-73
14/131	TJ Malone	v StAlbans	1906-07
13/56	GA Bartlett	v East- Shirley	1965-66
13/83	WB Bridgeman	v Old Collegians	1954-55
13/102	JF Booker	v Old Collegians	1950-51
13/110	D Reese	v St Albans	1907-08
13/122	PA Sharp	v East-Shirley	1964-65
13/140	PA Sharp	v East-Shirley	1963-64

### *Most Wickets in an Innings*

10/50	GN Gearry	v Old Collegians	1955-56
9/22	WB Bridgeman	v Old Collegians	1954-55
9/41	JF Booker	v St Albans	1947-48
9/84	WB Bridgeman	v Riccarton	1955-56
9/95	JS Patrick	v Lancaster Park	1953-54
8/15	GA Bartlett	v East-Shirley	1965-66
8/19	PA Sharp	v Old Collegians	1968-69
8/25	SN Bateman	v St Albans	1983-84
8/27	JF Booker	v Old Collegians	1950-51
8/27	CM Kirk	v St Albans	1971-72
8/30	BH Hopkins	v Riccarton	1960-61
8/31	CM Kirk	v Old Collegians	1971-72
8/33	TJ Malone	v Linwood	1905-06
8/33	CM Kirk	v Old Collegians	1971-72
8/35	MA Hastings	v HSOB	2001-02
8/36	JA Newman	v Linwood	1928-29
8/39	CM Kirk	v Sydenham	1972-73
8/43	PA Sharp	v Old Collegians	1968-69
8/47	DG Trist	v East-Shirley	1968-69
8/50	SJ Hawker	v Woolston WMC	1990-91
8/55	HJ Kember	v St Albans	1996-97
8/60	D Reese	v St Albans	1907-08
8/65	PA Sharp	v East-Shirley	1967-68
8/67	JL Findlay	v Sydenham	1925-26
8/67	JG Boyle	v Riccarton	1977-78
8/72	WB Bridgeman	v HSOB	1955-56
8/79	PA Sharp	v East-Shirley	1963-64

### *Most Deliveries*

21941	PA Sharp	10499	AJ Farrant
15856	CM Kirk	10366	SJ Hawker
14936	SN Bateman	10134	JL Findlay
14009	JS Patrick	9273	DG Trist
12962	D Reese	8916	JF Booker
11200	HJ Kember	8827	M Johnston

### *Most Catches*

161	PE Wallace	76	JL Kerr
147	BF Hastings	73	DJ Boyle
108	RW Haglund	71	SA Jeffery
90	PA Sharp	70	CM Kirk
89	GT Dowling	67	SN Bateman
88	GN Geary	65	DG Farrant

### *Most Catches in a Season*

21	BF Hastings	1964-65	17	DJ Boyle	1983-84
20	BF Hastings	1967-68	16	CM Kirk	1973-74
19	PE Wallace	1978-79	16	PE Wallace	1975-76
19	PE Wallace	1980-81	15	MA Fisher	1971-72
18	SA Jeffery	1990-91	15	PA Sharp	1971-72
17	CG Marks	1984-85	15	DJ Boyle	1983-84

### *Most Wicket keeping Dismissals*

284	KI Collins	255ct	29st	66	MT Everest	53ct	13st
233	RK Allen	161ct	72st	66	SC Guillen	53ct	13st
75	EM Hay	58ct	17st	60	RJR Irving	53ct	7st

### *Wicket keeping Dismissals in a Season*

35	WM Noon	1990-91	34cts	1sts
31	KI Collins	1977-78	29cts	2sts
29	W Burton	1947-48	25cts	4sts
29	RK Allen	1964-65	19cts	10sts
28	KI Collins	1983-84	26cts	2sts
27	SC Guillen	1953-54	22cts	5sts
26	RJR Irving	1992-93	24cts	2sts
25	SC Guillen	1956-57	19cts	6sts
25	RK Allen	1970-71	17cts	8sts
25	RK Allen	1971-72	16cts	9sts

*All round performances. 2000 runs, 150 wickets*

GN Geary	5,581 runs	200 wickets
RC Blunt	5,178 runs	207 wickets
D Reese	4,624 runs	423 wickets
HB Lusk	4,304 runs	178 wickets
DG Farrant	3,903 runs	154 wickets
M Hastings	3,447 runs	259 wickets
JS Patrick	3,118 runs	335 wickets

### **Club Records One Day Cricket**

*Highest Team Score*

271/8 v Sydenham 1994-95                      258/8 v Marist 1987-88

*Lowest Team Score*

33 v Riccarton 1997-98                      42 v St Albans 1987-88

*Most Appearances*

110	RW Haglund	82	SJ Hawker
94	HJ Kember	75	SA Jeffery
83	MA Hastings	72	GT Barrett

*Most Runs*

2246	RW Haglund	1538	SA Jeffery
1724	MA Hastings	1419	AB Sherwood
1678	DG Farrant	970	GJ Dickson

*Centuries*

112	RW Haglund	v Riccarton	1997-98
107	DR Cusack	v HSOB	1984-85
106	CB Oglivie	v Marist	1999-00
103*	DJ Boyle	v Sydenham	1984-85
102*	MA Hastings	v WWMC	1996-97
102*	MA Hastings	v HSOB	1997-98
102	CB Oglivie	v Old Colls	1997-98
101	RW Haglund	v Old Colls	1986-87
100	AB Sherwood	v HSOB	1994-95

*Most runs in a season*

385	DG Farrant	1987-88	318	AB Sherwood	1994-95
356	DJ Boyle	1984-85	312	RW Haglund	1986-87

349 WM Noon 1993-94 305 AR Hickford 1995-96

*Most Wickets*

145	HJ Kember	97	SJ Hawker
121	GT Barrett	96	AJ Hintz
98	MA Hastings	83	GC White

*Most wickets in a season*

24	GT Barrett	1990-91	21	HJ Kember	1996-97
22	SN Bateman	1987-88	19	GT Barrett	1991-92
21	HJ Kember	1995-96			

*Best Bowling*

7/22	HJ Kember	v Marist	1990-91
6/14	HJ Kember	v Sydenham	1995-96
6/17	AJ Hintz	v East Shirley	1992-93
6/28	AW Hedges	v St Albans	2000-01

*Most economical bowling*

10-5-6-0	HJ Kember	v WWMC	1994-95
10-6-7-1	HJ Kember	v Old Colls	1998-99
10-4-10-0	HJ Kember	v Sydenham	1990-91
10-4-10-2	SJ Hawker	v Riccarton	1993-94
10-4-11-1	DG Farrant	v East Shirley	1983-84
10-6-11-3	CG Marks	v Old Colls	1983-84
10-6-11-1	DG Farrant	v St Albans	1984-85
10-3-11-0	SN Bateman	v Riccarton	1990-91

*Most expensive bowling*

9-1-72-0	CB Ogilvie	v Riccarton	1997-98
10-0-65-3	JK Nuttall	v Sydenham	1992-93
10-0-64-0	RW Haglund	v Riccarton	1988-89
10-0-64-1	CB Ogilvie	v WWMC	1996-97
10-0-64-0	SB Inglis	v East Shirley	2000-01
10-0-62-3	SA Jeffery	v Lancaster Park B	1985-86

*Most Deliveries*

4639	HJ Kember	3166	GT Barrett
4057	SJ Hawker	2818	DG Farrant
3461	MA Hastings	2794	AJ Hintz

### *Most Catches*

56	RW Haglund	28	MA Hastings
35	HJ Kember	24	GT Barrett
33	SA Jeffery	23	CG Marks

### *Most catches in a season*

9	CG Marks	1984-85
8	RW Haglund	1993-94
	SA Jeffery	1990-91
7	RW Haglund	1987-88
	SA Jeffery	1992-93
	HJ Kember	1998-99

### *Most catches in a match*

6	CG Marks	v Lancaster Park B	1984-85
4	DJ Boyle	v Sydenham	1984-85

### *Most wicketkeeping dismissals*

48	KI Collins	43ct	5st
41	MT Everest	34ct	7st
40	JD Rea	26ct	14st
32	RJR Irving	21ct	11st
32	WM Noon	25ct	7st

### *Most wicketkeeping dismissals in a season*

23	AJ Leonard	ct18	st5	1995-96	15	KI Collins	ct14	st1	1984-85
15	MT Everest	ct10	st5	1996-97	13	WM Noon	ct11	st2	1990-91

### *Most wicketkeeping dismissals in a match*

5	RJR Irving	v HSOB	1993-94
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### **New Zealand Representatives**

1907	JD Lawrence	1907-14	D Reese
1909-10	HB Lusk	1920-25	RC Blunt
1931-38	JL Kerr	1939	MP Donnelly
1951-52	RWG Emery	1955-56	SC Guillen
1959-72	GT Dowling	1964-66	GA Bartlett
1968-76	BF Hastings	1969	DG Trist
1970-71	TW Jarvis		

### Canterbury Representatives

1906	AE Dakin	1906	E Frankish
1906	A Sims	1906-06	JD Lawrence
1906-08	HB Whitta	1906-09	TJ Malone
1907-19	HB Lusk	1907-21	D Reese
1914-15	F Butler	1917-25	RC Blunt
1917-18	HC Watson	1918-19	PS Foster
1919-23	RD Worker	1920-28	WH Hayes
1920-22	DB McLachlan	1922-24	RO Talbot
1925-29	JL Findlay	1927-29	JA Newman
1929-40	JL Kerr	1929-30	CS Gibb
1933-35	PF Allen	1933-34	HD Smith
1933-34	RW Hope	1936-46	TM Sharpe
1938-39	MP Donnelly	1940-46	KFM Uttley
1947-54	RWG Emery	1952-53	JLWilliams
1953-56	SC Guillen	1953-54	P Arnold
1953-57	GN Garry	1954-55	WB Bridgeman
1958-72	GT Dowling	1961-77	BF Hastings
1963-66	GA Bartlett	1964-65	JR Veitch
1964-66	PA Sharp	1967-70	NA Huxford
1969-71	TW Jarvis	1969-78	DG Trist
1969-79	CM Kirk	1973-74	PE Wallace
1977-87	SN Bateman	1978-79	GI Cummins
1978-79	KI Collins	1980-89	DJ Boyle
1980-83	AJ Farrant	1980	BD Thomas
1981-87	DG Farrant	1986-88	AJ Hintz
1987-89	LK Germon	1991-95	HJ Kember
1992-01	MA Hastings	1994-95	WM Noon

### Canterbury Cricket Association Grade Wins

First Grade	1905-06	1906-07	1907-08
	1921-22	1933-34	1943-44
	1967-68	1969-70	1970-71
	1977-78	1990-91	
One Day	1983-84	1984-85	1988-89
	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
	1993-94	1994-95	
Second Grade	1906-07	1923-24	1947-48
	1959-60	1965-66	1967-68
	1970-71	1990-91	

Third Grade	1986-87	1993-94	
Fourth Grade	1923-24 1973-74	1957-58	1959-60
Fifth Grade	1924-25 1972-73 1982-83	1925-26 1974-75 1995-96	1926-27 1981-82 2003-04
Sixth Grade	1959-60 1983-84 2003-04	1975-76 1984-85	1977-78 2001-02
Seventh Grade	1907-08 1960-61 1973-74 2000-01	1933-34 1961-62 1974-75	1936-37 1972-73 1976-77
Eight Grade	1949-50 1969-70	1951-52 1974-75	1955-56 1994-95
Ninth Grade	1905-06 1955-56 1961-62 1976-77	1938-39 1959-60 1971-72 1983-84	1953-54 1960-61 1975-76
Twelfth Grade	1933-34		
Presidents	1969-70	1971-72	1976-77
Hadlee Trophy	1956-57 1966-67 1970-71 2002-03	1964-65 1967-68 1976-77	1965-66 1968-69 1987-88
Petersen Shield	1905-06	1933-34	1972-73
ANZ Trophy	1969-70 1976-77	1970-71	1971-72

### Canterbury Club Player of the Year

1990-91 S Jeffery                      1998-99 C Olgilvie

### Canterbury Club Records

#### *Top Batting Aggregate in Senior Cricket*

1905-06	A Sims	592 @ 74	1906-07	HB Lusk	590 @ 84
1907-08	D Reese	572 @ 44	1911-12	HB Lusk	530 @ 41
1912-13	D Reese	686 @ 53	1915-16	HB Lusk	761 @ 127

1919-20	RD Worker	609 @ 76	1920-21	RC Blunt	614 @ 52
1921-22	RC Blunt	572 @ 41	1922-23	RC Blunt	621 @ 56
1924-25	RC Blunt	1071 @ 97	1938-39	MP Donnelly	746 @ 57
1948-49	P Arnold	708 @ 42	1949-50	RWG Emery	610 @ 44
1950-51	RWG Emery	610 @ 44	1954-55	SC Guillen	540 @ 42
1958-59	GN Gearry	723 @ 56	1962-63	BF Hastings	817 @ 58
1963-64	BF Hastings	873 @ 49	1964-65	BF Hastings	753 @ 50
1990-91	SA Jeffery	782 @ 46			

*Highest Wicket Taker in Senior Cricket*

1906-07	TJ Malone	55 @ 16	1908-09	TJ Malone	55 @ 13
1911-12	D Reese	54 @ 18	1947-48	JF Booker	46 @ 16
1963-64	PA Sharp	60 @ 14	1968-69	PA Sharp	53 @ 12
1969-70	CM Kirk	51 @ 10	1970-71	PA Sharp	62 @ 12
1972-73	CM Kirk	65 @ 15	1973-74	CM Kirk	59 @ 14
1990-91	SJ Hawker	38 @ 16			

**New Zealand Cricket Council**

Presidents	D Reese	1929-30, 1930-31, 1935-36	
	Sir AT Donnelly	1947-48, 1948-49	
	JL Kerr	1969-70, 1970-71	
Chairman	D Reese	1925-28	
	Sir AT Donnelly	1928-37	
	DE Wanklyn	1937-49	
	JL Kerr	1954-65	
Members	Sir C Moon	D Redpath	J Ramsden
	E Caygill	PS Foster	EM Hay
	CA McCoy	GT Weston	GT Dowling
	BC Adams	PA Sharp	

**Redpath Cup**

1922-23	RC Blunt	583 runs @ 53	1935-36	JL Kerr	655 runs @ 59.4
1939-40	MP Donnelly	302 runs @ 75.5	1966-67	GT Dowling	871 runs @ 46.7
1967-68	GT Dowling	968 runs @ 56.9	1968-69	BF Hastings	872 runs @ 79.3
1970-71	GT Dowling	667 runs @ 44.5			

## Canterbury Cricket Association

Chairman	D Redpath	1918-19 to 1921-22
	BC Adams	1985-86 to 1992-93
	D Shackleton	2000-01 to 2004-05
Presidents	D Redpath	1923-24, 1924-25
	D Reese	1925-26 to 1931-32
	JL Kerr	1960-61
	PA Sharp	1991-92 to 1992-93
	BC Adams	1993-94 to 1994-95, 2002-03 to 2004-05
	BF Hastings	1998-99 to 2001-02

## Suburban Club Records

### *Grade Victories*

Senior A	1970-71
Senior B	1962-63
Junior A	1961-62
Junior B	1960-61
Third A	1980-81
Third B	1964-65, 1973-74, 1977-78, 1979-80
Third C	1984-85
Third D	1984-85

### *8 Wickets or more in an innings*

9/22	B Malden	8/26	D Youl
9/28	G Woodsford	8/30	D Youl
9/42	D Hooper	8/31	C Hazeldine
9/52	D Hooper	8/32	R Moir
8/13	D Youl	8/33	B Reeves
8/14	R Doyle	8/36	R Moir
8/18	G Woodsford	8/56	C Francis
8/21	J Burns	8/69	K Gussette
8/23	R Moir	8/73	K Gussette
8/24	A Pannell	8/81	J Walker
8/25	A Pannell		

### *Centuries*

152	J Reeves	107	R Scott
148*	D Hooper	106*	J Burns
132*	J Humphries	105*	L Goodger
120*	N Dawson	104*	B Trealar

115*	D Hooper	103	S McWhirter
112	G Royfee	101	S McWhirter
111*	T Burley	101	T Jensen
110*	T Jensen	101	C Kerr
108*	T Tizzard	100	P Scott
107	D Williamson	100*	S McWhirter

*Hill Family Trophy*

1972-73	J Holliday	1975-76	W Averill
1977-78	S Papps	1979-80	K Dawson
1985-86	K Dawson	1986-87	B Williamson
1987-88	R Brown	1988-89	C Nelson
1989-90	A Westwood	1990-91	B Williamson
1991-92	RE Dunn	1992-93	S Dunn
1993-94	B Guthrie		

*Derek Hatcher Trophy Best Bowling*

1972-73	K Gussette	1973-74	D Youl
1974-75	D Williamson	1975-76	JN Walker
1976-77	DG Trist	1977-78	DJ Hooper
1978-79	B Dunn	1979-80	B Dunn
1980-81	RE Harwood	1981-82	RE Harwood
1982-83	MJ Shardlow	1983-84	G Anderson
1984-85	K Gussette	1985-86	K Dawson
1986-87	R Bourke	1987-88	G Beale
1988-89	K Gussette	1989-90	RE Harwood
1990-91	MJ Shardlow	1991-92	RE Burgess
1992-93	RE Harwood	1993-94	B Harwood

*Norm Palmer Trophy Best Batting*

1972-73	D Youl	1973-74	R Fergus
1974-75	DJ Morrison	1975-76	RJ Rickard
1976-77	DC Saunders	1977-78	RJ Rickard
1978-79	A Westwood	1979-80	R Harrison
1980-81	DJ Hooper	1981-82	G Anderson
1982-83	R Harrison	1983-84	W Swallow
1984-85	A Tizzard	1985-86	K Dawson
1986-87	W Swallow	1987-88	K Gussette
1988-89	K Gussette	1989-90	B Williamson
1990-91	W Swallow	1991-92	G Nelson
1992-93	W Swallow	1993-94	K Gussette

## Womens Trophies

### *Grade Victories*

Senior B        1980-81  
 Third Grade    1980-81

### *John Turner Trophy*

### *Most senior catches*

1976-77	K Perry	1979-80	N Thompson/ L Patterson
1977-78	K Perry	1980-81	L Wilson
1978-79	K Perry	1981-82	L Le Comber

### *Te Rangi-Tini Trophy*

### *All round performance*

1976-77	M Turner	1977-78	K Perry	1978-79	N Thompson
1980-81	C Keenan	1981-82	N Thompson		

### *Gardiner Cup    Fielding*

1976-77	K Perry	1977-78	D Avery	1978-79	G Burns
1979-80	J Nicholson	1980-81	L Le Comber	1981-82	J Nicholson

### *W Rouse Trophy*

### *Batting*

1976-77	N Thompson	1977-78	R Clarke	1978-79	S Wallace
1979-80	N Thompson	1980-81	N Thompson	1981-82	G Hartshorne

### *Johnson Trophy    Best bowling by a new member*

1976-77	L Kirk	1977-78	N Thompson	1978-79	D Avery
1979-80	I Beijen	1980-81	L Wilson	1981-82	R McKenzie

### *McKerrow Trophy*

### *Best performance*

1976-77	D Bryden	1978-79	A McMaster	1979-80	G Hartshorne
1980-81	J de Loux	1981-82	A Roydhouse		

### Senior Career Averages 1905-2004

Qualification 10 Matches

Name	Years	Mat	Inns	NO	HS	Agg	Ave	50	100	Ct	Balls	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	5	10	w/keeper
BC Adams	1961-73	32	53	5	69	589	12.3	2	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ct6 st2 = 8
DT Ager	1937-55	148	193	20	103	4,100	23.8	18	1	32	2065	54	1298	47	27.6			
ND Alexander	1927-31		54	2	96	1362	26.2	1	-		1452	42	926	44	21			
PF Allen	1930-36	55	73	2	118	1943	27.4	11	1	9	69	0	55	1	55			ct24 st16 = 40
RK Allen	1961-74	108	140	24	64	1412	12.2	3	-	1								ct161 st72 = 233
PW Arnold	1946-54	37	63	3	168	1847	30.8	11	1	28	510	18	209	5	41.8			
GK Austin	1955-66	80	122	12	103	1984	18	8	1	44	7480	336	3018	153	19.7	4		
GA Bartlett	1963-74	33	54	7	72	956	20.4	5	-	17	2820	118	1387	79	17.5	4	1	
GT Barrett	1988-99	60	88	13	94	1404	18.7	5	-	38	6230	219	3337	141	23.7			
SN Bateman	1976-91	110	136	43	100	1973	21.2	2	1	67	14936	603	6567	370	17.7	13	1	
RJS Bean	1930-33	21	23	8	33	212	14.1	-	-	12	3222	166	1591	68	24.8	4		
DJ Beuth	1959-65	13	20	9	13	85	7.7	-	-	8	2182	106	843	54	15.6	5		
BK Bhana	1968-78	72	108	19	101	2520	28.3	12	2	45	3386	66	1734	59	29.4	1		
JH Biddick	2000-03	17	28	3	41	328	13.1	-	-	12	12	1	6	0				
SA Blackman	1993-00	43	63	19	30*	532	12.1	-	-	32	2730	86	1713	79	21.7	5	1	
OC Blackman	1974-78	34	56	1	147	1337	24.3	6	1	17	80	0	57	2	28.5	-	-	
RC Blunt	1915-26	80	97	6	266	5178	56.9	22	16	56	5401	59	4241	207	20.4	4		
JF Booker	1934-53	66	87	21	63	822	12.5	1	-	29	8916	393	4164	186	22.4	10	1	
RH Booth	1924-30		53	3	83	860	17.2				174	3	145	4	36.2	-	-	
CA Boxshall	1915-20	22	34	2	72	323	10.1	1	-	1	6	0	8	0	-	-	-	ct2 st2 = 4
DJ Boyle	1978-89	86	146	23	107*	3990	32.4	28	2	73	2654	128	1265	57	22.2	-	-	ct1
JG Boyle	1976-86	53	85	9	113	1764	23.2	8	1	38	1576	27	1004	35	28.7	1		
WB Bridgeman	1953-56	22	25	11	29	117	9.7	-	-	13	3214	110	1634	90	18.1	6	3	
Rev B Brown	1914-16		25	3	107	825	37.5	-	1		1578	44	919	41	22.4	-	-	
D Buckingham	1955-59	16	28	1	31	224	8.3	-	-	9								
J Burton	1933-40		78	6	100	1779	24.7			1	1488	29	1073	58	18.5	-		
W Burton	1946-50	32	53	2	84	1008	20.1	3	-	7	126	1	108	2	54			ct34 st12 = 46
ARG Byrne	1964-73	20	37	3	61	652	19.2	2	-	14								

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J Cahill	1959-64	30	45	21	33	165	6.9	-	-	11	2302	94	1154	46	25.1	-		
MH Calder	1970-74	24	40	1	56	537	13.7	2	-	13								
DJ Carroll	1975-82	20	23	5	27*	156	8.6	-	-	14	1650	47	802	34	23.5	-	-	
C Carston	1952-55	21	25	7	29	215	12.9	-	-	3	3158	189	1102	68	16.2	4		
R Cassidy	1945-49	30	49	2	124	937	20.8	2	1	12	692	27	326	21	15.5	1		
CA Cocks	1922-29		73	27	60	613	13.3	1	-		5898	132	3059	107	28.5	-		
KI Collins	1972-86	128	172	36	73*	2300	16.9	4	-		12	1	8	0	-	-	-	ct255 st29 = 284
TR Condliffe	1924-33	71	92	14	65	1126	14.4	2	-	19	3522	92	1997	66	30.3	1		
MC Coster	1997-02	31	59	3	51	718	12.8	1	-	22	157	4	103	3	34.3			
SH Craig	1997-00	17	33	1	54	490	15.3	1	-	14	36	1	45	2	22.5			ct2
EE Crawshaw	1912-14	25	38	43	90	525	15.4	2	-	10	512	81	1973	95	20.7	8		
GI Cummins	1976-82	32	24	10	16	86	6.1	-	-	22	2977	82	1543	80	19.3	4		
DR Cusack	1983-87	29	47	2	91	1143	25.4	9	-	17	72	1	71	3	23.7			
RE Cutts	2000-03	19	34	2	74	356	11.1	2	-	4	24	0	16	0				
J Davies	1976-78	16	25	5	43	390	19.5	-	-	16	1394	39	633	24	26.4	-		
L Denia	1947-52	20	26	10	28	173	10.8	-	-	11	3166	168	1133	61	18.6	3		
ES Densem	1937-46	17	21	2	75	289	15.2	1	-	7	198	8	111	5	22.2			
GJ Dickson	1984-98	63	98	19	89	1733	21.9	6	-	62	132	3	90	0				
AT Donnelly	1908-22		95	7	101	1542	17.5			1	1518	21	991	42	23.5			
MP Donnelly	1938-41		44	4	174*	2036	50.9			6	1733	44	1015	49	20.7			
GT Dowling	1954-78	123	194	19	179*	5001	28.6	28	5	89	521	10	252	8	31.5	-	-	ct1 st2 = 3
W McK Duncan	1952-56	24	37	8	42	356	12.3	-	-	8	3275	146	1395	57	24.5	-	-	
PC Dwyer	1909-21		48	5	128	1044	24.2			1								
AM Ellis	2002-04	14	23	1	51	370	16.8	1	-	4								ct3 st1 = 4
RWG Emery	1947-55	63	104	11	220*	3577	38.5	21	5	31	7676	338	3267	147	22.2	6		
MT Everest	1989-99	30	49	8	69*	712	17.4	2	-	1								ct53 st13 = 66
AJ Farrant	1976-85	72	78	25	52	606	11.4	1	-	34	10499	568	4222	243	17.4	9	1	
DG Farrant	1978-90	103	172	17	150*	3903	25.2	19	2	65	6999	403	2805	154	18.2	5		
JL Findlay	1923-36	85	104	19	74	1201	14.1	2	-	19	10134	299	5301	201	26.3	10		
MA Fisher	1968-79	59	83	10	174*	1934	26.5	4	4	52	401	6	255	11	23.2	1		
PS Foster	1910-27	105	152	17	189	3166	21.8	12	2	39	4521	63	3605	129	27.9	3		

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DO Fox	1960-63	17	29	1	71	300	10.7	1	-	1	648	21	384	12	32	-		
AC Fuller	1905-12	48	64	7	104	737	12.9	-	1	25	544	13	361	13	27.8	1		ct12 s7=19
CW Garrod	1965-71	24	27	2	78	584	23.4	2	-	8								
GN Garry	1939-62	140	208	20	166*	5581	29.7	23	10	88	8659	357	3881	200	19.4	11	2	ct1 st3 = 4
LK Germon	1986-89	17	19	3	48*	214	13.4	-	-									ct43 st8 = 51
DS Giblin	1949-59	27	40	6	43	330	9.5	-	-									ct24 st4 = 28
GR Gregory	1930-40	66	111	9	116	3147	30.8	12	1	18	180	6	139	2	69.5			
SC Guillen	1952-56	34	50	3	179*	1713	36.5	7	3	-	414	15	203	10	20.3			ct53 st13 = 66
RW Haglund	1982-96	114	192	25	114	4161	24.9	14	4	108	4959	219	2642	104	25.4	3		
BF Hastings	1961-82	147	238	19	153	7481	34.2	41	13	147	1415	27	633	20	31.6			
MA Hastings	1988-04	95	159	12	125	3447	23.4	17	1	49	8721	46	3626	259	14.0	12	1	
MD Hawke	1992-96	27	35	9	42*	390	15	-	-	8	3141	114	1627	76	21.4	2		
SJ Hawker	1984-95	86	67	29	54*	429	11.3	1	-	46	10366	432	5040	231	21.8	5	1	
TE Hawker	1987-96	16	30	4	69	632	24.3	2	-	10								
EM Hay	1935-39	41	53	3	113	807	16.1	2	1	29	66	1	51	3	17			
WH Hayes	1920-35	127	160	14	102	3530	24.3	19	2	35	5041	168	2453	144	17	9		ct 58 st 17 =75
LA Haynes	1923-29		86		110	1592	19.6		2		384	5	346	10	34.6			
AW Hedges	1999-04	34	59	6	82*	989	18.7	4	-	14	1609	72	749	36	20.8			
AR Hickford	1990-96	25	44	5	111	756	19.4	1	1	25	30	0	15	0				
DH Hicks	1965-70	34	30	8	41	173	7.8	-	-	28	4199	225	1645	75	22	1		
AJ Hintz	1982-94	93	89	33	50	871	15.6	1	-	25	8518	271	4570	232	19.7	9	1	
JE Hill	1928-33		42	9	65	559	16.9	1	-		3696	61	2083	76	27.4			
BH Hopkins	1959-65	42	69	9	40	709	11.3	-	-	28	6175	315	2690	159	16.9	11	1	
RW Hope	1932-34	14	11	6	33	113	22.6	-	-	9	2598	102	1144	65	17.6	6		
HJ Hopkins	1951-56	28	36	0	53	410	11.4	1	-	16	2809	136	1143	47	24.3	1		
J Houghton	1949-52	20	31	4	43	403	14.7	-	-	6								
ID Hounsell	1963-67	23	26	14	25	150	12.5	-	-	16	2447	133	938	61	15.3	1		
HJ Hudson	1984-95	19	18	6	40	221	18.4	-	-	7	1006	32	595	23	25.9			
RJ Hudson	1952-59	27	42	3	37	350	8.9	-	-	17	18	2	4	1	4.0			
RF Hunter	1957-61	16	25	0	50	339	13.6	1	-	9	15	0	4	1	4.0			

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NA Huxford	1967-71	31	31	15	47	296	18.8	-	-	23	4039	183	1633	97	16.8	2		
SB Inglis	1999-04	37	50	16	28	388	11.4	-		19	3310	110	1680	71	23.7			
RJR Irving	1991-94	23	37	7	66	696	23.2	4	-									ct53 st7 = 60
FA Jarrett	1923-31		91	7	88	1585	18.8	6	-		840	8	811	26	31.8			
TW Jarvis	1968-71	19	27	4	79	928	40.3	8	-	17	64	0	45	2	22.5			
SA Jeffery	1982-95	85	152	15	138	4225	30.8	22	4	71	2333	82	1336	42	31.8	3		
M Johnston	1935-48	98	106	34	51	1369	19	1	-	55	8827	261	4515	198	22.9	9		
DL Jones	1945-51	31	41	10	43	407	13.1	-	-									ct22 st17 = 39
HJ Kember	1989-04	95	104	54	48	838	16.8	-	-	59	11200	579	4932	275	17.9	9	1	
BE Kennedy	1949-60	53	83	9	101	1266	17.1	3	1	26	66	0	52	2	26.0			
CP Kennedy	1985-91	11	19	1	57	265	14.7	1	-	7	77	5	29	4	7.3			
CM Kerr	1986-89	12	4	2	6*	8	4	-	-									ct31 st3 = 34
JL Kerr	1928-56	151	241	35	153*	8415	40.8	35	20	76	2396	48	1697	64	26.8			ct8 st5 = 13
DD King	1980-83	19	32	1	76	445	14.4	2	-	11	60	3	18	0				
CM Kirk	1966-80	86	122	37	101	1649	19.4	3	1	70	15856	614	6236	409	15.3	28	8	
JD Lawrence	1905-15	19	24	4	92	650	32.5	6	-	14	1218	41	514	19	27.0			
J Lindsay	1972-75	21	34	3	59	362	11.7	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-			
PJ Low	1957-60	20	28	7	50	229	10.9	1	-	3	3073	146	1296	57	22.5	3		
ML Lumsden	1995-00	15	25	0	37	233	9.3	-	-	7	135	3	102	1	102			
HB Lusk	1906-20	69	101	9	334*	4304	46.8	19	10	49	6148	163	3501	178	19.7	10		
JM McEwan	1962-65		37	5	57	329	10.3	1	-	14	1540	73	753	38	19.8	-	-	
AG McFedries	1995-98	14	24	1	77	439	19.1	1	-	18	1035	42	508	19	26.7			
RS McHarg	1997-01	15	23	8	50*	113	7.5	1	-	4	651	26	372	10	37.2			
DB McLachlan	1920-23	10	14	5	32	91	10.1	-	-	5	1444	42	969	66	14.7	5	1	
TJ Malone	1905-15	41	51	25	26	220	8.5	-	-	11	7602	182	3387	232	14.6	22	7	
CG Marks	1980-87	61	74	19	42	840	15.3	-	-	36	6855	360	3192	155	20.6	7		
DP Maxwell	1996-99	15	25	6	23	127	6.7	-	-	4	863	36	465	20	23.2	2		
WJ Mitchell	1964-82	92	157	11	129	3980	27.3	25	2	46	1294	38	180	11	16.4	-		ct6 st1 = 7
ER Morris	1953-62	32	52	2	50	590	11.8	1	-	3	6	0	12	0				ct43 st8 = 51
JB Morris	1958-60	10	15	1	124*	465	33.2	2	1	3	36	1	21	1	21	-	-	

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PPW Morris	1957-61	11	16	1	63	443	29.8	4	-	9	54	0	34	1	34	-	-	
J Nee	1938-54	59	106	6	85	1594	15.9	6	-	19	4733	103	3114	149	20.8	6		
JA Newman	1927-29	16	22	3	84	633	33.3	2	-	9	2094	72	902	63	14.3	5		
WM Noon	1990-96	26	49	9	115	1204	30.1	8	2	8								ct53 st5 = 58
EG Norman	1907-09		22	3	101	557	29.3			1	396	9	272	12	22.6			
KJ Nuttall	1995-04	30	47	14	64	620	18.8	1	-	16	1385	48	724	42	17.2			
MR O'Donnell	1982-85	16	29	2	100*	571	21.1	3	1	8	6	1	0	0				
CB Ogilvie	1996-02	43	77	5	102	1487	20.6	5	1	23	4247	160	2127	104	20.4	5		
SM Packman	1991-99	37	57	6	102	834	16.3	3	1	21	19	1	9	0				
JB Park	1956-59	22	35	5	59	495	16.5	1	-	12	3343	105	1402	72	19.5	4		
PST Park	1959-61	11	18	3	17	102	6.8	-	-	6	1302	61	494	22	22.5			
JS Patrick	1934-57	189	256	43	96	3118	14.6	7	-	42	14009	384	7861	335	20.5	17	1	
JW Peake	1929-37	66	82	8	127	1794	24.2	12	2	27	522	14	337	8	42.1			
ADJ Phelps	1996-04	25	29	14	23*	163	10.9	-	-	10	1445	34	893	28	31.9			
AJ Piper	1981-88	19	23	7	42	206	12.9	-	-	10	695	27	409	18	22.7			
DG Poulton	1961-64	27	47	1	102	1014	22	4	1	20	6	0	4	0				
BR Prestige	1962-68	19	29	1	66	465	16.6	2	-	12	54	1	41	0				
JP Preston	1985-90	31	56	8	118	1524	31.8	8	2	24	318	11	194	5	38.8			
JD Rea	1997-04	26	43	2	73	614	14.9	2	-	1								ct32 st3 = 35
MS Rea	2000-04	11	17	3	34*	151	10.8	-	-	4	716	25	510	15	34			
D Reese	1906-22	103	145	12	209	4624	34.8	19	11	55	12962	384	6797	423	16.1	33	1	
D Redpath	1915-19		49	5	52	730	16.5	1	-		150	2	138	2	69.0			
JS Rumbold	1939-46	23	30	2	44	448	16	-	-	6	30	0	22	0				
CB Satterthwaite	1945-50	12	18	2	29*	195	12.2	-	-	1								
DC Saunders	1970-81	56	73	14	65	834	14.1	1	-	28	4851	136	2280	79	28.9	1		
L Scott	1956-61	15	26	1	37	272	10.8	-	-	6	390	12	163	8	20.4			
PA Sharp	1962-80	122	130	39	42	898	9.9	-	-	90	21941	914	8585	549	15.6	32	6	
TM Sharpe	1935-46		28	3	112	511	20.4			1	1626	29	1050	64	16.4			
WJ Sim	1921-27		34	1	90	599	18.2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-				
GR Sherlock	1969-75	54	64	13	99	982	19.3	3	-	33	5028	117	2295	82	28.9	1		

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AB Sherwood	1985-98	72	131	17	107	2514	22.1	12	1	46	36	0	82	1	82.0			ct10
CG Smith	1957-60	17	21	6	55	135	9.0	1	-	3	1837	92	732	46	15.9	3	1	
HD Smith	1933-36	24	31	3	151	1038	37.1	3	4	5	1932	56	991	33	30.0			
LW Smith	1938-52	65	103	5	78	1958	19.9	10	-	21	967	1	335	18	18.6			ct5 st4 = 9
RM Stewart	1954-60	29	46	6	61	595	14.9	2	-	8	3458	158	1494	51	29.3	1		
B Sullivan	1955-57	19	32	3	44	574	19.8	-	-	15	6	0	5	0				
AJ Taggart	1999-04	37	62	1	68	604	9.9	1	-	11	48	0	33	0				ct9
DL Thomason	1995-98	16	30	1	36*	243	8.4	-	-	10	12	2	0	0				ct1
BD Thomas	1973-83	64	108	9	61	1519	15.3	6	-	45	28	2	14	0				
AC Timpson	1956-65	70	104	18	67	878	10.2	1	-	26	10250	505	4181	250	16.7	10	1	
DG Trist	1966-79	74	80	21	67	981	16.6	1	-	25	9273	331	3274	240	13.6	9		
KFM Uttley	1941-45		72	7	174	2968	45.8	10	9	12	12	0	23	0				
JR Veitch	1964-67	28	44	1	71	1090	25.3	7	-	14	230	9	127	7	18.1			
PE Wallace	1964-84	155	238	35	110	4718	23.2	17	1	161	221	3	186	2	93.0			ct5 st1 = 6
IM Walter	1965-70	28	40	3	96	1149	31.1	8	-	15	342	17	120	4	30.0			
MC Ward	1930-38	51	62	5	108	1252	21.9	6	1	8	42	0	36	0				ct17 st11 = 28
J Wason	1935-48	32	41	7	51	462	13.9	1	-	7								
AT Waters	1959-70	36	59	5	76	711	13.2	1	-	16	3	0	5	0				
HC Watson	1916-18	21	37	3	51	1327	39.0	6	1	7	2244	74	1156	55	21.0	1		
GT Weston	1906-14		66	5	79	762	12.4	2	-									
GC White	1993-03	48	69	11	39*	634	10.9	-	-	22	4643	191	2173	119	18.3	4	1	
HB Whitta	1905-08	26	34	3	102	992	32.0	7	1	12	276	8	198	2	99.0			
CW Williams	1937-39		28	14	25	182	12.0	-	-		2136	45	1290	66	19.5			
JL Williams	1951-65	47	72	3	136	1494	21.6	8	1	35	315	7	213	7	30.4			
KPJ Williams	1973-87	34	64	6	51	947	16.3	2	-	19	3048	89	1442	77	18.7	1		
RD Worker	1919-23	28	40	3	145	1585	42.8	8	4	12	192	0	212	7	30.3			
C Zimmerman	1917-22		25	10	51	415	27.6	1	-		1488	29	1073	58	18.5			

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CR Alderson	1993-94	1	1	1	7*	7				0	30	1	23	0				
DRG Allen	1997-99	2	2	0	20	33	16.5			1	12	0	15	0				
MJ Barlow	1999-03	2	2	0	3	4	2			1								
GT Barrett	1986-02	72	60	3	93	912	16	4	-	24	3166	78	1798	121	14.9	1		
SN Bateman	1981-91	45	37	13	52	433	18	1	-	19	2333	60	1233	75	16.4			
JH Biddick	1998-03	14	14	0	36	151	10.8	-	-	7	6	0	3	0				
JR Bishop	2000-01	4	4	1	27*	37	12.3			3								
SA Blackman	1993-99	19	15	3	31*	93	7.8	-	-	6	455	6	334	12	27.8			
INB Blanchett	2002-03	5	5	1	21	64	16			2	144	5	74	2	37			
DJ Boyle	1981-89	34	33	3	103*	901	30	5	1	12	204	6	106	10	10.6	1		ct2
JG Boyle	1981-86	4	4	0	40	62	15.5	-	-	2								
JA Butler	2000-01	8	8	0	31	110	13.7			4								
JF Caunter	1996-97	2	2	0	19	27	13.5			1								
DD Chisholm	1999-00	1	1	1	0*	0				0								
JR Churchill	2000-01	8	6	2	15	26	6.5			2	240	4	174	3	58			
L Churchill	2002-03	6	5	0	50	98	19.6	1		3								
KI Collins	1981-86	29	23	4	44*	364	19.1	-	-									ct43 st5 = 48
AD Condon	1994-96	2	2	0	7	7	3.5			0								
SA Cooke	1992-93	2	2	0	12	13	6.5			1								
MC Coster	1997-02	31	31	0	50	339	10.9	1	-	4	74	0	77	6	12.8			
MT Coulter	2002-04	4	3	1	6	7	3.5			2	126	4	85	3	28.3			
SH Craig	1997-99	17	16	1	69	205	13.7	1	-	4								
JP Croft	1993-95	11	6	2	17*	38	9.5			2	588	18	258	12	21.5			
GI Cummins	1981-82	1	1	1	6*	6		-	-	0	30	2	9	2	4.5			
DR Cusack	1983-90	21	20	1	107	408	21.5	2	1	7								
RE Cutts	2000-03	15	15	0	46	136	9.1	-	-	4								
BJ Davies	1996-97	4	4	0	25	47	11.7			1								
S Dellabarca	2000-03	6	6	0	8	29	4.8			1	122	2	99	2	49.5			



Name	Years	Mat	Inns	NO	HS	Agg	Ave	50	100	Ct	Balls	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	5	10	w/keeper
AM Laming	1999-00	3	3	0	18	31	10.3			0								ct2
A Laraman	1998-99	1	1	0	11	11	11			1	60	0	35	0				
KG Lee	2003-04	1	1	0	1	1	1											
AJ Leonard	1995-96	11	10	0	61	228	22.8	2										ct18 st5 =
ML Lumsden	1996-02	23	18	2	42	122	7.6	-	-	1	234	2	187	4	46.8			
AG McFedries	1995-98	14	11	1	53*	249	24.9	1	-	9	390	4	325	12	27.1			
RS McHarg	1998-01	11	9	4	7	27	5.4	-	-	4	355	7	256	6	42.7			
BJ McKenzie	1999-00	1	1	0	0	0	0			0								
CG Marks	1981-87	34	25	5	30	291	14.6	-	-	23	1296	39	710	35	20.3			
AK Marshall	1999-00	5	4	4	4*	4	4			1	168	2	129	1	129			
DP Maxwell	1996-99	15	11	1	27	75	7.5	-	-	2	575	19	285	18	15.8			
WJ Mitchell	1981-82	2	2	0	7	13	6.5	-	-	0								
WM Noon	1990-96	33	31	5	85	812	31.2	7	-	4	1	0	0	1	0			ct25 st7 = 32
JK Nuttall	1992-97	12	12	2	23	80	8	-	-	4	462	9	335	9	37.2			
KJ Nuttall	1996-04	23	20	2	32	195	10.8	-	-	9	798	18	497	16	31.1			
MR O'Donnell	1982-85	12	12	0	37	182	15.2	-	-	1								
L O'Toole	2001-02	2	2	0	9	9	4.5			0								
CB Ogilvie	1996-02	49	45	4	106	954	23.3	3	2	15	1926	35	1287	57	22.6			
SM Packman	1992-99	50	44	4	51	650	16.3	1		14	6	0	7	0				
ADJ Phelps	1997-04	30	28	8	20	119	5.9	-	-	3	1016	13	806	27	29.8			
AJ Piper	1981-88	19	14	5	63*	207	23	1	-	6	438	10	239	12	19.9			
JP Preston	1985-90	28	28	1	86	755	27.9	5	-	8	42	0	30	0				
CJ Prowse	1996-97	9	9	0	65	168	18.6	1	-	3								
JD Rea	1997-04	35	35	1	69	524	15.4	2	-	0								ct26 st14 = 40
MS Rea	2001-04	10	9	2	42	63	9	1	-	2	287	6	223	5	44.6			
D Roulston	1998-03	3	3	1	31*	33	16.5			0	7	1	4	1	4			
AJ Sawers	2003-04	4	4	1	42	88	29.3			0								
RS Scott	1992-93	4	4	0	27	28	14			1								
BG Sharp	1995-97	8	5	0	9	18	3.6			3	336	1	215	10	21.5			
RR Sherlock	2002-04	3	2	1	2	2	2			2	126	3	83	6	13.8			



## In the Pavilion

Whenever cricketers gather, discussion sooner or later turns to the great players past and present, to what extent has the game changed and which players would make the all-time Burnside West Christchurch University cricket team. The change in cricket over the last 100 years has been quite dramatic and certain statistics are helpful in clarifying these changes.

In 98 seasons of cricket there have been 184 centuries scored in two day cricket by 60 senior cricketers, 61 since 1945 and 23 since 1980. Only 4 centuries have been achieved in the past 10 seasons. Two players have averaged more than 50 (Roger Blunt 56.9 and Martin Donnelly 50.9). Blunt scored a century every sixth innings while Donnelly's average was one in every 7.3 innings. Next in line are Ken Uttley and Dennis Smith (1 in 8) and Rupert Worker and Harold Lusk (1 in 10), whilst the leading post-war century makers are Guillen (1 in 16) and Hastings (1 in 18).

When one looks at the bowling records and takes out figures for the most frequent wicket taker and the most economical bowler the following is the result:

<i>Most Frequent</i>	<i>Balls/Wicket</i>	<i>Most Economical</i>	<i>Runs/100 Balls</i>
R. Blunt	26.0	D. Trist	35.3
D. Reese	30.6	P. Sharp	39.1
J. Nee	31.7	C. Kirk	39.6
T. Malone	32.7	D. Farrant	40.1
M. Hastings	33.6	T. Farrant	40.2
D. McLachlan	34.5	N. Huxford	40.4
A. Hintz	36.7	A. Timpson	40.7

It is immediately obvious that the first table contains mostly pre-war bowlers and the second table only bowlers who played after the 1960s. Interestingly, Roger Blunt and Dan Reese were most uneconomical bowlers, their figures being 78 and 52 runs per 100 balls respectively.

With the fielding figures a similar pattern emerges. The most successful fieldsman, when related to the number of catches per match, have been those who have played in more recent years. The pre-war players have a much lower success rate.

	Matches	Catches
P. Wallace	155	161
B. Hastings	147	147
G. Dickson	63	62
C. Kirk	86	70
M. Fisher	59	52

What do all these figures mean when comparison between cricket eras is made? Clearly batsmen scored faster and batted for longer periods in the pre-1945 period. Bowlers were more inclined to 'buy' wickets while fielding and catching were certainly not up to today's standards. Captaincy and the science of field placing would seem to have greater importance now. Much of the explanation for the changing emphasis in cricket comes back to the introduction of morning cricket in 1946. Prior to this period it is my impression that fewer outright victories were obtained, the senior matches being mainly one innings affairs. Whether boundaries were shorter in those early days and whether the standard of pitches was better, only past members can answer.

But there is no doubt that such occasion when Roger Blunt scored 266 will not be repeated. West scored 508 runs that day in 3 hours off 61 overs, a scoring rate of over 8 runs per over. Would Roger Blunt, Dan Reese and Harold Lusk be as successful now as they were in those earlier days? Let the answer lie with Don Bradman who asserted "that great players in one era would be great in any other era."

Final thoughts. Who would make the all-time Burnside West Christchurch University cricket team. The choice of batsmen is the most difficult with 10 club members having represented New Zealand. Leaving out players of the calibre of Harold Lusk, Ken Uttley, Peter Arnold, Ray Emery and Terry Jarvis indicates the degree of difficulty. The wicket keeping position has 4 players in contention, Guillen, Collins, Noon and Germon, whilst the pace bowlers includes Newman, Gearry, Bartlett, Trist, Huxford and Bateman. Amongst the slow bowlers in contention are Malone, McLachlan, Bridgeman, Sharp, Kirk and Kember.

Autocratically, but willing to enter into debate, the editor of this history of the club selects his all-time team as:

GT Dowling (captain)

RC Blunt

MP Donnelly

JL Kerr

BF Hastings

D Reese

SC Guillen

GN Gearry

GA Bartlett

CM Kirk

DG Trist

PA Sharp

# ***Centennial Committee***

Barrie Cummings **Chairman**

Stephen Bateman

Warwick Beatson

Colin Blackman

Bryce McKenzie

Peter Wallace

# ***Centennial Programme***

**Friday 11th March 2005**

7pm Conversazione at Club rooms

**Saturday 12th March 2005**

6.30pm Dinner at Riccarton Showgate Lounge

**Sunday 13th March 2005**

10.30am Barbecue at Burnside Park

***When Canon Hare on August 31st 1905 presided over an attendance of some 20 people at the inauguration of the West Christchurch cricket club there can be little doubt that few realised the turbulent history the club would progress through.***

Similarly when Don Williamson and Ray Muir called a public meeting in 1958 to gauge the support for the formation of a cricket club in the Burnside area they had little idea how large their two team club would become.

This book on the 100 year history of the Burnside West Christchurch University cricket club has been compiled by life member Brian Adams and contains over 80 photographs. Some of the themes explored in this comprehensive history are the near extinction during the Great Wars, the lack of growth in the late 1950's leading to the first merger, the controversy surrounding

the move from Hagley Oval to Burnside Park in 1972 and the strong opposition to the new senior competition created by the CCA in 2004. Also remembered are the great achievements of past players such as Dan Reese, Roger Blunt, Jack Kerr, Graham Dowling, Peter Sharp, Brian Hastings and Chris Kirk. In other sections Peter Sharp and Stephen Jeffery recall the games and personalities of the senior teams of the 1960's and 1990's, Don Williamson records the beginnings of the Burnside club, schoolboy cricket is remembered by Derek Cockburn, and John Thompson and Bryce McKenzie look back at games and players from the Presidents grade.